



Submission by Hungary and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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**Subject: Views on the implications of the inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities**

1. The European Union and its Member States welcome the opportunity to share their views on the inclusion of the reforestation of areas with forests in exhaustion as an activity under the clean development mechanism.
2. The Executive Board's proposed definition of "forest in exhaustion" violates the definition of "reforestation" as contained in decision 16/CMP.1, applicable also for decision 5/CMP1).
3. Therefore, the EU cannot accept the recommendation provided by the Executive Board in its 2009 annual report (FCCC/KP/CMP/2009 Annex I) on the inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities.