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Dear Sir

Early Submission of Information and Views

This has reference to your letter ODES/ COP 16/ 10 dated 12th January 2011 regarding the early submission and views. I am pleased to submit the following views of the Government of Sri Lanka.

14. Implications of the inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities (SBSTA)

It is very important to consider the inclusion of reforestation lands with forests in exhaustion for Clean Development Mechanism Projects since it will help to increase the carbon storage capacity of existing forests. Specially countries like Sri Lanka, which have many forests exhaustion will have high potential to improve, it's forests, thereby contributing to reduce the global GHG emissions.

Therefore, Sri Lanka would like to support for the inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities.

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