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**Congo Basin Forest Day
Berlin, 7 September 2021
MEMORANDUM**

1. Under the patronage of His Excellency the German Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Dr Gerd Müller, a “Congo Basin Forest Day” was held on the sidelines of the Tropical Forest Symposium in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany on 07 September 2021.
2. The event was hosted by the Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP). Participants included the Ministers of forests and the environment of the member countries of the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), representatives of international organizations, Donors, the COMIFAC Executive Secretariat and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
3. During the ceremony, the participants followed the presentation of the Current Chairman of COMIFAC, on the "Statement of Commitment of the COMIFAC member States to the Central African forests and a call for equitable financing".
4. The Statement expresses the will not only of the Central African governments, but also of stakeholder groups in the Congo Basin and international partners, to share the responsibility of conserving the world's second largest lung represented by “the Congo Basin forests”. The Statement equally expresses the commitment of the members of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership and can now serve as a basis for effective negotiations, especially during the UN conferences on climate in Glasgow and on biological diversity in Kunming, in order to reach a series of equitable agreements between the Governments and people of the Congo Basin and the International Community.
5. The Ministers appreciated the quality of the document prepared based on a participatory approach and titled it the “**Statement of Commitment of the COMIFAC member States to the Central African forests and call for equitable financing**”.
6. The Ministers request the sub-regional institutions to follow up on the implementation of this Statement with the COMIFAC member States and international partners in order to rally the needed support to finance the sustainable management of the Central African forests.
7. They expressly call on the CBFP Facilitator to serve as the Goodwill Ambassador for the " **Statement of Commitment of the COMIFAC member States to the Central African forests and call for equitable financing** " as well as the issue of peatlands at the level of the international partners.
8. At the close of the proceedings, the Ministers thanked the Federal Republic of Germany, its President, the Chancellor and the Government for the warm welcome extended to them.
9. The Ministers also congratulated all those who helped with the technical and logistical organization of this Day, notably the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Cooperation (GIZ), as well as the team of interpreters.

Done in Berlin, 7 September 2021

For the member States of the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)

(signed) His Excellency Jules Doret NDONGO, Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, Current Chairman of COMIFAC- Republic of Cameroon

For the Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) Partners

(signed) His Excellency Gerd Müller, German Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany