Rainforests constitute the lungs of our planet. The Amazon alone produces 20% of the world's oxygen. This unique environmental treasure, as well as others, in Africa and South-East Asia and America, are being threatened by fires and deforestation. As a result, their perimeters have been severely decreasing year after year. These forests are essential to life on this planet. They are massive carbon sinks and one of the greatest reserves of global biodiversity.

The degradation or reduction of these natural treasures affects all of us. We cannot stand idle. We have to act.

On the eve of a major summit on the global fight against climate change, we would be honored to host you for a meeting to pursue the mobilization of all countries, actors and stakeholders. Together, under the principles of sovereignty, collaboration and conservation, we will aim to offer tangible, sustainable and inclusive results to cooperate with affected States in tackling the root causes of deforestation.

This event will launch a long-term response to this plight. It will build on the latest G7 Summit meeting in Biarritz, France, which initiated an international and regional emergency response to increase and coordinate efforts to cooperate with the fight against wildfires in Bolivia and Paraguay. It will look towards the next meeting of the COP 25 in Santiago, Chile, to further deepen our resolve.

This meeting will strive to collectively raise our ambition and come up with a determined and inclusive initiative to increase support and cooperation for the conservation and sustainable development of the Amazon, as well as other affected forests across the globe. These efforts will include the fight against deforestation, the preservation of biodiversity and the sustainable inclusion of local inhabitants. By combining local and global approaches, this meeting will contribute to the fight against the consequences of climate change and the implementation of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

We are aware of your country's mobilization for the protection of our planet and the environment. It is by joining our efforts that we will identify the most adequate, effective, sustainable and inclusive ways to safeguard affected rainforests and guarantee sustainability for the environment and their populations.

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We count on your presence by our side:

Emmanuel Macron

President of the French Republic

Sebastian Piñera

President of the Republic of Chile

Ivan Duque

President of the Republic of Colombia