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Ms. Julie E. Aliaga
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USDA APHIS PPQ
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Dear Ms. Aliaga,

The undersigned organizations appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed Draft Standard Integrated Measures Approach for Plants for Planting in International Trade. Our comments are attached in the format requested. Our groups have come together with many others under the auspices of the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases. The Continental Dialogue is a collaboration of diverse interests aimed at addressing the threat of non-native insects and diseases on America's forests.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss these recommendations with you. If you have any questions about our comments or wish to speak to us directly, please contact Faith Campbell at 703-841-4881 or fcampbell@tnc.org.

Sincerely,

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