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Comments on item 5. from Japan

- Given the urgency of decoupling agricultural production from deforestation and scaling up its actions in collaboration with the agriculture sector.

Japan welcome FAO's continued efforts on the forestry-agriculture nexus and collaboration with COAG.

- Japan supports the BiG-CHANCE project by the FAO-REDD+ team, as described in paragraph 13 c., on halting deforestation through the establishment of sustainable agricultural supply chains.

This project has been developing a "solution tree" designed to facilitate governments' access to solutions for addressing the root causes of deforestation and forest degradation.

We appreciate the extensive collaboration across divisions within FAO in the development and dissemination of this tool.

- To scale up efforts and implementation on the ground, addressing climate change and biodiversity issues is a top priority for the transformation towards resilient and sustainable agri-food system.

Based on this recognition, Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) are a form of agriculture in harmony with the environment and play an important role in contributing to biodiversity conservation, regional revitalization, and improving livelihoods in rural areas while promoting traditional local agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.

Japan recognizes GIAHS as a useful framework and would like to emphasize the need for further efforts on GIAHS, including by incorporating its importance into the FAO's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans in the future.