

Statement of the ACSFI to agenda item 7 “The FAO Forestry Roadmap: From Vision to Action 2024–2031” (COFO/2024/5.1)

The FAO Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSFI) welcomes the proposed FAO Forestry Roadmap: From Vision to Action 2024–2031” (COFO/2024/5.1). The Committee agrees to the proposed vision for a world in which forests fulfil their vital roles in ensuring efficient, inclusive and resilient forest ecosystems to support agrifood systems, prosperous societies and a healthy planet”. Indeed, renewable forest products will be crucial in building resilient and carbon neutral societies, with the private sector playing a key role in this endeavour.

The ACSFI also agrees to the three proposed forestry objectives and related priority actions. We would like to emphasize the private sector role’s in providing innovative solutions at scale for the sustainable and efficient use of forest products, which has the potential to contribute to several FAO Forestry Roadmap’s objectives and actions. In its roadmap implementation efforts, especially under priority action 11, we invite FAO to gather accurate data for supply and demand scenarios of forest products and trade to underpin appropriate policy and investment decisions and promote good practices that support the innovative and efficient use of forest resources.

Finally, the ACSFI particularly welcomes the suggested action b. that recommends FAO implement the roadmap through impactful partnerships, with ACSFI staying committed over the 2024-2031 period to leveraging its member’s expertise on sustainable production and consumption of forest products to foster strategic partnerships between the private sector, FAO, and other stakeholders.