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### **Statement by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on agenda item 8.3 the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 and mainstreaming biodiversity in forestry**

We thank the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations for its crucial contributions to the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, especially through leading the Monitoring Task Force and the Best Practices Task Force engaging some key international partners in upscaling efforts towards ecosystem restoration.

We highlight the Monitoring Task Force's efforts in developing the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring (FERM). This tool will significantly assist countries and other stakeholders in monitoring and reporting their progress towards Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), which is to set under restoration 30% of all degraded ecosystems.

The Resource Guide to Target 2 will be launched at the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties to CBD in Cali, Colombia in October 2024. The Resource Guide will provide key recommendations in target setting, planning, implementing and monitoring ecosystem restoration, including forest restoration. The collaboration with FAO and other UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration members will assist countries in advancing their national restoration targets and actions.

Sustainable forest management is a critical element for achieving the goals of the Kunming-Montreal GBF, particularly Target 10. Forest biodiversity plays an essential role in this context. The CBD Secretariat is currently developing an analytical study that elucidates the fundamental contributions of forests to the implementation of the KM-GBF. This study aims to provide clarity and insight into the indispensable role forests play in biodiversity conservation.

We invite everyone to be part of the Biodiversity Plan!

Thank you, Chair.