

27th Session of the Committee on Forestry

Written Correspondence Procedure – inputs from Members – Original language

Item 9.1 Multi-year Programme of Work of the Committee on Forestry 2024-2027 (COFO/2024/7.1)

Member Name	Comments
<p><b>European Union and its 27 Member States</b> Friday, 28 July 2024 09:03 (CET)</p>	<p>In response to the written correspondence procedure, we are honoured to share with you a statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciate the document informing on progress in implementing the MYPOW 2020-2023 covering the full period between COFO 26 and COFO 27 and in addition presenting the Committee’s approach and working method to achieve its objective in 2024-2027.</li> <li>• Commend the work done on a wide range of issues with regard to implementation of MYPOW 2020-2023 and detailed description of intersessional activities of the COFO Secretariat and the COFO Steering Committee.</li> <li>• Acknowledge in particular the progress on the linkages between forestry and agriculture and the collaboration between COFO and COAG and support further collaboration in the future.</li> <li>• Support the consultations with RFCs, which are indispensable for cross-sectorial work, and encourage deepening those consultations.</li> <li>• Adopt the MYPOW 2024-2027 and support the increase of the efficiency of the work of the Committee to address the pressing challenges facing our forests and the urgent need for coordinated action.</li> <li>• Recommend inserting, along with planned activities, an indication of measurable result or output, which will allow the members of the Committee to more easily review the achievements and appreciate and evaluate the implementation of the planned measure.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Japan</b> Friday, 28 July 2024 11:11 (CET)</p>	<p>Japan welcomes FAO's continued efforts on the forestry and agriculture linkages and collaboration with COAG. Given the urgency of decoupling agricultural commodities production from deforestation and biodiversity loss, we expect that further expansion of actions in collaboration with the agricultural sector will be discussed in depth under Agenda 5.</p> <p>Japan provides funding for FAO’s BiG-CHANCE project, which is working to develop tools that are useful for policymakers and producers in preventing deforestation through the establishment of sustainable</p>

	<p>agricultural supply chains. We appreciate the cross-departmental collaboration within FAO to develop and disseminate these tools.</p> <p>Japan appreciates the inputs from COFO to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development towards achieving the SDGs which include the key message regarding sustainable use of forest resources along with forest conservation and restoration. In particular, we would like to emphasize that the use of sustainable forest resources, including timber, will greatly contribute to establishing a carbon neutral and circular economy.</p>
<p><b>United States of America</b> Friday, 28 July 2024 17:03 (CET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The United States welcomes the inclusion of coordination with COAG in the MYPOW 2024-2027, and supports the proposed actions.</li> <li>• The United States notes that the MYPOW 2024-2027 identifies holding focused and efficient sessions as objectives for future sessions. In light of COFO 27's planned work modalities and longer than customary workdays, we would encourage the Secretariat and Steering Committee to take measures to ensure COFO 28 and future COFOs are focused and efficient to allow for normal business hours.</li> </ul>