

26th Session of the Committee on Forestry

Written Correspondence Procedure – inputs from Members – Original language

Item 8.1 Decisions and recommendations of FAO bodies of interest to the Committee

Member Name	Comments
<p>Japan, Thursday September 15, 2022 07:24 (CET)</p>	<p>With regard to the review of the result and effect of structural changes as decided in COFO 25, we understand some of the elements are reported in Document COFO/2022/7.1 and COFO 2022/INF/11. In addition to the report, we think it is desirable to show the concrete comparison of the result and effect of structural changes to FAO's activities.</p>
<p>European Union, Thursday September 15, 09:57 (CET)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. We thank the Secretariat for providing us with the summary of decisions and recommendations of FAO bodies of interest to the Committee. 3. We do not have substantial comments on the background document; however, we reserve our right to comment on it later in the plenary on the basis of the outcome of the written correspondence procedure.
<p>New Zealand, Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:07 (CET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand appreciates FAO's work on the interlinkage between food security and forestry, and supports continued efforts in this area. We encourage all members to support FAO initiatives related to the inter-linkage between agriculture and forestry. • We are pleased to note the request by the Council for FAO to identify new technologies and digital innovation for data collection on sustainable forestry management and use, as well as on forest products. We emphasise that these innovations should be accessible to all communities and Indigenous Peoples to facilitate information sharing. • We note with interest the Council's request that FAO consider an initiative to mainstream biodiversity in food systems in consultation with Members. We would like to encourage the FAO and Members to also consider the opportunities to use the biodiversity of trees and forests in the supplements, pharmaceutical, cosmetics and nutraceutical areas, which can complement and diversify existing sustainable forest practices.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the Council’s request that FAO continue ongoing efforts to strengthen coordination between COFO and COAG on cross-sectoral matters and welcome future papers dealing with inter-related issues between agriculture and forests. • Finally, New Zealand reiterates the Council’s request to integrate forestry in its work on food systems, recognising the importance of FAO’s participation in inter-governmental multilateral mechanisms within the United Nations system.
<p>Argentina, Friday September 23, 2022 16:20 (CET)</p>	<p>La Argentina agradece a la Secretaría del COFO por la elaboración del documento que contiene las principales decisiones y recomendaciones de interés para el Comité Forestal de los órganos de la FAO.</p> <p>Precisamente, la Argentina retiene este punto de agenda como de gran interés atento la necesidad identificada en pasadas sesiones de COFO de mejorar la labor transversal e intersectorial de la FAO en materia de bosques, así como que las discusiones que se dan el Comité Forestal estén informadas de las decisiones de los órganos de gobernanza de la Organización.</p> <p>De las decisiones y recomendaciones consignadas en el documento se destaca en primera medida la necesidad expresada por los miembros de explorar, fomentar, fortalecer y potenciar las sinergias existentes entre la agricultura y los bosques para el desarrollo sostenible de los sistemas agroalimentarios.</p> <p>De esta manera, es claro la intención de los miembros de FAO para que la Organización muestre y promueva prácticas existentes y complementarias entre las actividades agrícolas y la conservación, restauración y utilización sostenible de los bosques.</p> <p>Como confirmación de esta intención, apreciamos la solicitud de fortalecimiento de la coordinación entre el COFO y el Comité de Agricultura (COAG) en relación con asuntos transversales y la recomendación de que cualquier documento en el que se examinasen cuestiones interrelacionadas concernientes a la agricultura y los bosques se presentasen tanto al COFO como al COAG. Cuestión que vemos reflejada en el punto 6 del COFO26 y en el evento paralelo de alto nivel programado durante la semana de sesiones. Alentamos para que la colaboración entre COFO y COAG perdure y se incremente.</p>
<p>Russian Federation, Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:46 (CET)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We would like to thank the Secretariat for the summary of decisions and recommendations of FAO bodies of interest to the Committee. 2. We do not have substantial comments on the background document; however, we reserve our right to comment on it later in the plenary on the basis of the outcome of the written correspondence procedure.

<p>United States of America, Friday, September 30, 2022 11:25 (CET)</p>	<p>The United States supports the FAO recommendation. We are not submitting additional comments.</p>
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