

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>Argentina hereby wishes to thank the COFO Secretariat for preparing the document containing the main decisions and recommendations of interest to the Committee on Forestry by FAO bodies.</p> <p>Precisely, Argentina considers this agenda item to be of great interest, given the need identified in past COFO sessions to improve the cross-cutting and intersectoral work done by FAO in forestry. Also, it is important that discussions that take place in the Committee on Forestry are informed of the decisions of the governing bodies of the Organization.</p> <p>The decisions and recommendations contained in the document first highlight the need expressed by members to explore, promote, strengthen and enhance the existing synergies between agriculture and forests for the sustainable development of agri-food systems.</p> <p>In this way, the intention of FAO Members that the Organization shows and promotes existing and complementary practices between agricultural activities and the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of forests is clear.</p> <p>As confirmation of this intention, we hereby appreciate the request for strengthened coordination between COFO and the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) on cross-cutting issues and the recommendation that any document examining interrelated issues concerning agriculture and forests be submitted both to COFO and COAG. This issue is reflected under Item 6 of COFO26 and in the high-level side event scheduled during the session week. We therefore encourage the collaboration between COFO and COAG to continue and increase.</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,</p>	<p>The United States supports the FAO recommendation. We are not submitting additional comments.</p>

Friday, September 30, 2022 11:25 (CET)	
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