

## 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry

### Items **not under Written Correspondence Procedure** – inputs from Members (English version)

#### Item 7.1 Transforming agriculture and food systems: halting deforestation and promoting sustainable production and consumption of forest products

Member Name	Comments
Japan (2 October)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="527 500 1864 654">• In light of the fact that the conversion of forests to agricultural land and other uses in developing countries is a major cause of deforestation, Japan supports FAO's cross-sectoral work on transforming food systems to feed the planet without deforestation. In that sense, we hope that FAO, which has responsibility for both the agriculture and forestry sectors, will show leadership in coordinating efforts that will benefit both sectors.</li><li data-bbox="527 667 1871 797">• Agriculture and forests are closely linked, and thus forests play an indispensable role in the food system. Given that the major driver of deforestation is agricultural expansion, it is necessary to increase the visibility of unnoticeable but vital roles of forests which play in watershed conservation or disaster prevention and to conserve forests for agricultural production.</li><li data-bbox="527 810 1885 940">• In view of the need to ensure both food security and sustainable forest management in the face of rapid global population growth, it is effective to improve the livelihoods of local communities by adding value to non-timber forest products (NTFPs) and using forest landscape for ecotourism and other initiatives, as well as improving agricultural productivity and market access</li></ul>