



**Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States**

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**Item 21: Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO**

Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to write to you on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States regarding the above-mentioned agenda item for the 170<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Council.
2. The EU and its Member States thank FAO for all the information provided. With respect to the information on COP15 and the CBD, we would like to highlight the importance of the developments of the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the negotiations for a Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and from COP 26 to COP 27 for the mandate of FAO. These developments are especially relevant in relation to the implementation of the FAO Climate Change Strategy.
3. We also thank FAO for informing the Membership about the Global Network against Food Crises and the recent policy dialogues it facilitated. In view of the deteriorating food security situation in the world, the work of the Global Network against Food Crises is only gaining in relevance. The information provision by FAO is therefore timely. We would, however, welcome that this information is elaborated upon, including by pointing the Membership to the relevant website and documentation. We would also welcome a presentation to the Membership in a Council setting in due course, preferably at the next Council.
4. Furthermore, we would like FAO to expand on the views it holds on the orientations and developments of the Global Network against Food Crises. In particular we would like to ask FAO what its vision is on the role of the Global Network when it comes to addressing the root causes, the global challenges such as biodiversity loss and climate change, and contributing to build resilience of agriculture and food systems while providing humanitarian assistance. In addition, we would like to ask about how the Global Network can be better integrated in the wider work of FAO beyond the Office of Emergencies.

Thank you, Mr Chair.