

27th Session of the Committee on Forestry - Written Correspondence Procedure

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

Secretariat response to written inputs from Members

The secretariat expresses its appreciation for the comments from Members on Item 9.1 Multi-year Programme of Work of the Committee on Forestry (MYPOW) 2024-2027.

The secretariat appreciates the acknowledgement of results and the support for the MYPOW 2020-2023 covering the full period between COFO 26 and COFO 27, expressed by the European Union (EU) and its Member States.

The secretariat thanks the EU and Japan for acknowledging and welcoming the progress made on the linkages between forestry and agriculture and the collaboration between COFO and the Committee on Agriculture (COAG); and took note of EU's support to further collaboration between the two Committees in the future. The secretariat also took note of the United States of America welcoming the inclusion of coordination with COAG in the MYPOW 2024-2027, and the proposed actions.

The secretariat took note of EU's suggestion regarding an indication of measurable results or outputs to allow Members of the Committee to more easily review the achievements and appreciate and evaluate the implementation of the planned activities.

The secretariat appreciates EU's support to increase the efficiency of the work of the Committee to address the pressing challenges facing our forests and the urgent need for coordinated action, as well as the EU's recommendation to continue and deepen consultations with the Regional Forestry Commissions on the cross-sectorial matters.

The secretariat appreciates Japan's and New Zealand's acknowledgement of COFO's inputs 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. The secretariat took note of Japan's recommendation on the multiple benefits of the sustainable use of forest resources.

The secretariat appreciates Japan's support to the BiG-CHANCE project which aims at addressing the critical issue of deforestation, while highlighting the transformative role that agriculture supply chains can play as a solution. The secretariat notes that more detailed discussion on the forestry and agriculture interlinkages is expected to take place during provisional agenda item 5: Scaling up actions on agriculture and forestry linkages.

The secretariat took note of the United States of America recommendation regarding future Committee's work modalities, to ensure efficiency, including shorter working hours during the session, as well as New Zealand's and Australia's request to consider the timing of the sessions and will bring it to the attention of the Steering Committee of the next COFO accordingly.

The secretariat appreciates New Zealand's support to continue holding the Committee's sessions in conjunction with a World Forest Week.

The secretariat appreciates Mexico welcoming particular achievements reported in document COFO/2024/7.1 and its support to the adoption of the MYPOW 2024-2027.

