

Statement
of the European Union and its 27 Member States

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Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. Republic of Moldova, Türkiye and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.
3. First, we would like to appreciate the Republic of Korea for successfully hosting the congress despite the Covid-19 challenges and for arranging for both in-person and virtual attendance, which increased the number of participants from all over the world.
4. We also thank FAO for the information provided on the outcomes of the XV World Forestry Congress including Seoul Forest Declaration. We encourage their further dissemination in relevant forums both in and outside the FAO system.
5. From the outcomes, we would like to emphasize the Youth Call for Action, a novel initiative that shows us all what young generation of foresters sees as important.

Thank you, Mr Chair.