26TH SESSION OF THE FAO COMMITTEE OF FORESTRY AND THE 6TH WORLD FORESTRY WEEK

KENYA POSITION

Agenda Item No. 8.8.3: Global Forest Resource Assessment and Remote Sensing Survey

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya aligns with the Africa Regional Group position as presented by Gabon.

Kenya recognizes the importance of the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) reporting process, that deploy remote sensing and other data collection technologies to support monitoring gains or otherwise, in forest restoration and afforestation initiatives across the scale.

In this regard, Kenya will continue supporting the Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) reporting process by assigning the National Correspondents; availing them for capacity development as may be required from time to time and for the planned FRA 2025 reporting cycle.

Indeed, Kenya has greatly benefited from cross-learning, knowledge sharing, collaborative capacity building and sharing of technologies with FAO. This has enhanced Kenya's capacity over time to undertake its National Forest Resources Assessments and reporting on performance of restoration and afforestation efforts.

Kenya recommends FAO to continue complementing FRA country reporting process with remote sensing-based analysis of forest dynamics; support countries using remote sensing, high-resolution satellite imageries and latest technologies for forest and tree resources assessment and monitoring.

Thank you Chair