

Statement
of TÜRKİYE

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Thank you Mr. Chair. Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of Turkish Delegation I would like to respectfully greet you and express my wish that 26. session of COFO meeting serve a platform for exchange and dialogue among participants and get strategic direction for the future work of FAO in forestry.

Türkiye is situated in the Mediterranean basin, one of the regions most affected by the impact of climate change, and has also unique geographic and climatic conditions, bridge between asia and europa and additionally Mediterranean zone. Türkiye has more than twelfe thousands species in terms of biodiversity. Without halting and reversing deforestation, these species are under extinction thraet.

Planting more than 6 billion saplings in the last 20 years in order to increase the forest area of Türkiye, initiated a National Campaign called “Breath for the Future” three years ago. Also, Türkiye broke the Guinness world record by planting the maximum number of saplings within an hour.

Mediterraned zone is highly sensetive to also forest disturbances like forest fires & mega wildfires this region is warming 20% faster than the global average and Impacts will exert additional pressure on already strained ecosystems and on vulnerable economies and societies. As Türkiye has been improving our capacity and technical quality against particularly forest disturbances.

Proclaiming our goal of 2053 Net Zero Emission to the world, we have laid bare our sincerity in terms of protecting the nature. We continue to endeavor to leave a more livable world to next generations. in the next 20 or 30 years, Türkiye could be a greener country that has largely completed its ecological transformation,

to speed up its transition to climate neutrality in 2053, Touching on the Türkiye's road map to reach the 2053 net-zero emissions target, for instance all buildings will be energy efficient by 2030 and 100% decarbonization will be achieved in heating and cooling

Türkiye as a developing country, would develop its capacity for the green economy in all sectors, and where hundreds of thousands of people would be employed in green sectors.

Finally I would like to stress that Türkiye pays attention to implementing&contributing the achievement of FAOs goals as well as SDGs,UN Strategic Plan for Forests, Rio Conventions through the taking respective responsibility, best practices and success stories.

I thank you