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Statement by for H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko

Agenda Item 6 – Strengthening actions to address wildfires through the Global Fire Management Hub and FAO’s work on integrated fire management

Chairperson,

Angola aligns to the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of the ARG and commends FAO for its continued efforts to strengthen international cooperation on Integrated Fire Management (IFM), including through the Global Fire Management Hub.

We share the concern regarding the increasing frequency, intensity and severity of wildfires, driven by climate and land-use change, and their growing impacts on forests, biodiversity, livelihoods and human health. Angola therefore supports the document’s call for an integrated approach encompassing prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

For Angola, and Africa more broadly, particular attention should be given to strengthening national capacities, early-warning systems, fire monitoring and community-based management. We encourage FAO to expand technical assistance and facilitate access to adequate financing and technologies.

Angola also emphasizes the importance of involving local communities, smallholder farmers and traditional knowledge holders in wildfire prevention and landscape management. Effective solutions must combine scientific knowledge, innovation and locally adapted practices while strengthening the resilience and livelihoods of communities that depend directly on forests and natural resources. Such cooperation will be essential to translate global commitments into effective action on the ground. **Thank you, Chairperson.**

