



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States

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Item 14: Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization

Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.
3. First of all, we would like to thank the Independent Chair of the Council for holding informal consultations with Members on this important matter and all Members for their constructive approach in these consultations, which resulted in reaching an informal consensus on a draft of the Conference Resolution.
4. The EU and its Member states are convinced that, this Conference Resolution will serve as valuable and practical guidance for Member Nations in arrears to restore their voting rights at FAO Conferences. In this regard, we strongly encourage all the Member Nations concerned to make full use of this Conference Resolution.

5. Finally, Mr. Chair, we support the recommendation of the Finance Committee held in November that the procedures, criteria and draft resolution be considered by the 172nd Council.

Thank you, Mr Chair.
