



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

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Item 16: Participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies

Madam/ 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. We would like to thank the Independent Chair of the Council for holding the first round of informal consultations with Member States on this topic this semester.
4. We concur with continuing of the informal consultations in upcoming months to focus on this matter. In this regard, in order to facilitate the discussion, we request that FAO presents a background document addressing questions, remarks and observations of the Member States raised at the first round of informal consultations well in advance of the next round of informal consultations.

Thank you, Madam/ Mr Chair.
