



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

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Mr Chair,

- 1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.**
- 2. The following FAO Members align themselves with this statement:
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Moldova,
Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia,
Türkiye and Ukraine.**
- 3. We would like to thank the chair and the members of the CCLM for the leadership and commitment. As some of the topics discussed in the CCLM will be subject to separate agenda items, we are going to address the remaining points.**

- 4. We welcome the CCLM consideration of the process of election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Forestry as recommended by the Council at its 171st session. In particular, we take note that the rules governing the election of Chairperson of COFO are similar to the rules of the other technical committees, including the equitable rotation principle among the regions. We also note that the legal framework governing the process of election of the Chairperson of the COFO is consistent with the General Rules of the Organisation. We reiterate that the authority to amend its Rules of Procedure is vested to the technical committees, which shall review any matter in accordance with its functional needs.**

- 5. We fully support conclusion of the CCLM on the proposal to amend the International Civil Service Commission Statute and on the Review of the jurisdictional set-up of the United Nations common system. In particular, we recommend to the Conference to accept the amendments proposed to the ICSC Statute.**

- 6. Finally, we express our full agreement with the conclusions of the CCLM on the implementation of recommendation 7 of the JIU Report on the Review of the State of the Investigation Function: Progress made in the United Nations System Organizations in Strengthening the Investigation Function. We urge management to take immediate steps to implement the recommendation, in particular to submit a draft procedure for further consideration of the Governing bodies.**

Thank you, Mr. Chair
