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## **DECISION 12-I-18R**

### **Development and Strengthening External Relations**

The Assembly of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO),

*Recognizing* the needs of the legal instruments to ensure smooth day-to-day operation of the Secretariat;

*Recalling* the objectives set out in Article 2 of the Agreement on the Establishment of AFoCO;

*Decides to*

1. Task the Secretariat, subject to coordination and negotiation with the respective government agencies in the Republic of Korea and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, revise and finalize the text of the Headquarter Agreement between the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Secretariat, and the Host Country Agreement between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Secretariat on Hosting of the Regional Education and Training Center (RETC);
  2. Task the Secretariat to report the final draft of the Agreements and follow-up procedures to be undertaken with the respective governments for their entry-into-force.
  3. Task the Secretariat to facilitate cooperation arrangements with other entities, particularly (i) registration of the Agreement on the Establishment of AFoCO to the UN, (ii) application to ODA-eligible international organisations of the OECD DAC, (iii) application for the accreditation by the GCF, and (iv) preparing arrangements or MOUs with potential partner organizations, including ITTO, FAO, RECOFTC, UNCCD and GGGI, as well as relevant entities in Korea, including Korea Forestry Promotion Agency and Korea Institute of Arboretum Management; and
  4. Task the Secretariat to update on the progress and report the final draft of arrangements or MOUs with partner organization/entities, highlighting organizational priority of AFoCO and justification on advantages of cooperation with partner organization, for consideration and endorsement of the Assembly.
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