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Agenda Item 2.2

Status of Projects Approved by the Assembly

1. This document is in reference with **Decision 10-I-18R** and **Decision 18-II-19S**, which approved eight projects proposed from the Parties and tasked the Secretariat to provide necessary follow-up facilitations, including fund mobilization and legal arrangements for the project implementation.
2. Pursuant to the Assembly's directions, the Secretariat has been seeking various funding opportunities, including Official Development Aids (ODA) of Korean government and ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund.
3. On 27 September 2019, Korea Forest Service (KFS) has expressed its intention to contribute Korean ODA funds to support the approved projects of nations with experiences in any project under AFoCO, starting from 2019. Through the 1st AFoCO Donors Meeting held on 23 October 2019, the KFS made pledges of KRW4,170,000,000 (equivalent to USD3,790,909) for year 2019 to support on-going activities under the Landmark Program and the following six (6) new projects approved at the previous sessions of the Assembly:
 - Improving *Pinus caribaea* Morelet for Plantation on Degraded Land in Viet Nam's Northern Mountainous Region (PP-2018-VN-001, Priority Area 1)
 - The Registration of Small-Scale Private Forest Plantations (PP-2018-KH-002, Priority Area 1)
 - Promotion of Vertical Integration in Wood Processing through People's Organization in Community Based Forest Management Areas in the Philippines (PP-2019-PH-005, Priority Area 4)
 - Integrated Pest and Disease Management in Teak Plantations in Bago Region, Myanmar (PP-2019-MM-006, Priority Area 3)
 - Model Forest for Livelihood Improvement of Forest Dependent Communities through Development of Community-based Enterprise and Forest Conservation (PP-2019-MM-007, Priority Area 4)
 - Capacity Building on Enhancing Resilience to Forest Fire and Local Livelihood in CLMV Countries (PP-2019-MC-008, Priority Area 3)
4. Furthermore, the KFS also conveyed a message that its contributions to the projects of those countries without project records with AFoCO is currently budgeted for coming 2020, which is subject to a final budget endorsement by the National Assembly of Korea in December 2019. The Secretariat will, in close coordination with the KFS, facilitate the launching of those projects in each proponent countries upon confirmation on their funding. Listed below are a list of the projects which are under such consideration by the KFS:

- Development of Agroforestry Models for Promotion of Restoration in the Different Zones in Timor-Leste (PP-2018-TL-003)
- Sustainable Community-Based Enterprise for Improved Rural Livelihood (PP-2018-BH-004)

5. In parallel, the Secretariat has been in active communication with the ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund (AKCF) Secretariat to solicit a fraction of the funds for “Capacity Building on Enhancing Resilience to Forest Fire and Local Livelihood in CLMV Countries (PP-2019-MC-008)”. The project proposal was submitted on 10 October 2019 and is under review and consideration by the AKCF.

6. The Assembly may wish to consider the status report on the projects approved by the Assembly and provide relevant guidance to the Secretariat.
