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Agenda 15

DECISION 15-I-18R

Exceptions to Public Disclosure of Activities of the Assembly

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

Recognizing the general principle of public disclosure as provided in Rule 10.2 of the Rules of Procedure which stipulates that Assembly decisions and documents received, reviewed and adopted by the Assembly shall be open and made available to the public unless decided otherwise by the Assembly;

Reaffirming its commitment to transparency in all of its activities and therefore seeks to maximize access to any documents and information; and

In line with international standards and limited to what is necessary to preserve essential and legitimate public or private needs such as personal privacy;

Decides that the following information shall be confidential and subject to an exception to public disclosure of activities of the Assembly:

1. Financial indication in the documents relating to work plan and budget, except in case of Parties' request on specific occasions required by domestic government or administrative procedures;
 2. Project proposal and its related documents which are yet to be approved by the Assembly;
 3. Information related to internal audits and investigations;
 4. Information received from or sent to third parties which are legally obliged to non-disclosure or explicitly indicated as confidential; and
 5. Information whose disclosure is likely to violate the rights of any individual, or invade his or her privacy.
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