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

Recalling Article 3 of the ‘Agreement on the Establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization’ that the Organization shall promote and undertake partnerships between the Parties and with other entities to carry out cooperative activities by building upon the current initiatives of other forest-related international agreements and organizations;

Having considered the advantages and opportunities of building a strategic partnership, tapping the expertise for capacity building, and widening resources within and beyond Asia working in consistency with the relevant global initiatives;

Wishing to promote cooperation with countries and entities beyond Parties and Observers of AFoCO,

Decides to task the Secretariat to take necessary actions to develop a new category of participation and engagement of countries and entities other than Parties and Observers to AFoCO, including preparation of relevant rules of procedure.