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Updates on Development of AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)

I. Introduction

1. Given that the Strategic Plan (2019–2023) was in its final phase and many new and significant changes had occurred in the cooperation context for AFoCO in recent years, the 5th Session of the AFoCO Assembly in October 2021 endorsed the launch of a process for developing a strategy for the next term.
2. Pursuant of the Decision 43-V-21R, the Secretariat has developed the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030) together with a Technical Working Group (TWG), composed of all prospective members of AFoCO, national experts from the member countries, and external consultants. Technical Workshops were organized on 31 May – 1 June 2023 (face-to-face) and 16 August 2023 (virtual) to review and improve the Strategic Plan document.
3. The Secretariat suggested to provide final comments by August 2023 and the Strategic Plan (2024-2030) was finalized by circulation as of 21 September 2023.

II. Development of the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)

1. The final draft of the Strategic Plan is attached as in Annex 1.
2. The Strategic Plan is with the vision of “A Greener Asia with climate-resilient and sustainable forests, landscapes and communities”, the achievement of which is supported by AFoCO’s mission: “Promote action-oriented international cooperation for creating enabling policies, building capacities, and fostering inclusive multi-level partnerships to drive Asian forests onto a climate-resilient and sustainable path”.
3. AFoCO’s theory of change states that, “We work to address the climate crisis and associated challenges of forest loss, poverty and governance through two Strategic

Thrusts — Sustainable management of forests to secure environmental, social and economic benefits; and Contributions to the 1.5 °C Paris Agreement goal and the SDGs by 2030 — that are translated into three Program Priority Areas (PPAs) — 1) Forest Land Restoration and Conservation; 2) Community and Circular Bioeconomy; and 3) Climate–Forest Disaster Risk.

4. The Secretariat proposes further development of a plan of action, including specified goals, key activities, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to monitor the progress and attainment of the Strategic Plan, aligning it with the 1.5°C Paris Agreement goal and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

III. Points for consideration

1. The Assembly may wish to:
 - Consider and approve the draft Strategic Plan (2024-2030); and
 - Review of the Strategic Plan (2019-2023) and task the Secretariat to further develop a plan of action for the Strategic Plan (2024-2030), including specified goals, key activities, and KPIs and report to the Assembly.

Annex 1. Draft Strategic Plan (2024-2030)

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