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**Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by
the European Union and its Member States****1. Adoption of the agenda****2. Joint ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the
FAO European Forestry Commission matters**

- (a) Global Forest Policy Matters
 - i. The UN Strategic Plan on Forests (UNSPF) and the regional input to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) (*shared competence - MS vote*)
 - ii. Forests and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (*shared competence - MS vote*)
 - iii. Forests and the Paris Agreement (*shared competence - MS vote*)
- (b) Regional cooperation (*shared competence - MS vote*)
- (c) Seventieth anniversary of the ECE/FAO Partnership (*shared competence - MS vote*)
- (d) Report of the Working Party (*shared competence - MS vote*)
- (e) Review of 2017 activities, and activities and publications planned for 2018 (*shared competence - MS vote*)
- (f) Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA2020), enhanced and streamlined international reporting (*shared competence - MS vote*)
- (g) System for the Evaluation of Management of Forests (SEMAFOR) (*MS competence - MS vote*)

- (h) Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW) (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (i) Any other business

3. Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) matters

- (a) Market discussions
 - i. A keynote presentation on the role of the forest sector in climate change mitigation;
 - ii. Discussions on forest products trends in the different sub-regions; and
 - iii. A dialogue with the private sector
- (b) Matters arising from the sixty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- (c) Matters arising from the seventy-fourth session of the Committee
- (d) Draft Rules of Procedure for the Committee
- (e) Programme of Work and publications 2018-2019
- (f) Strategic Framework 2020-2021
- (g) Election of officers
- (h) Date and place of next meeting
- (i) Any other business

4. FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) matters

- (a) Follow-up to the decisions of the thirty-eighth session of the European Forestry Commission (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (b) Forestry activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (c) Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (d) Forest and Landscape Restoration work under climate change conditions in the region (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (e) Progress of Silva Mediterranea and the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (f) Strengthening FAO's work on boreal and temperate forests (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (g) Contributions of FAO's work in forestry to the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of FAO-REU Regional Initiatives (*shared competence – MS vote*)

- (h) The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) High-level Panel of Experts (HLPE) study on Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (i) A new strategic document for FAO in forestry (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (j) FAO contributions to the global process (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (k) Frequency of the EFC sessions (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (l) Contributions to FAO governance (*shared competence – MS vote*)
- (m) Election of officers, date and place of next meeting (*MS competence - MS vote*)
- (n) Any other business

5. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session.
