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Statement of Nguyen Thi Hong Quyen,
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at the Sixth Committee of the 75th session of the General Assembly
**Agenda item 182 “*Observer Status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization*
in the General Assembly”**

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea for introducing the draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly”. Viet Nam, as an ASEAN Member State and a member of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization, decided to co-sponsor this resolution.

The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization was established in 2011 as an intergovernmental organization on the basis of the Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea on forest cooperation. Its activities cover matters of interest to the General Assembly, being the promotion of international cooperation, capacity building, exchange of experience in forest management, which in turn contributes to sustainable development and addressing the impacts of climate change in the region.

We believe that granting the Organization observer status in the General Assembly will strengthen its cooperation with the UN system and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

For these reasons, we would appreciate UN member states’ support in granting the General Assembly observer status to the Organization.

I thank you./.