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SIXTH COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM 182

OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE ASIAN FOREST COOPERATION ORGANIZATION  
IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## **Thank you, Mr. Chairman**

My delegation would like to begin by extending our sincere congratulations to you and other members of the bureau on your election.

I wish to thank the distinguished Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea for introducing the draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) in the General Assembly” and for this important initiative.

As one of the parties to the AFoCO, Cambodia is pleased to support and co-sponsor the draft resolution.

AFoCO was established as an intergovernmental regional organization aimed at strengthening forest cooperation among member countries, regional and global players and promoting action-oriented practices of sustainable forest management through policy support, capacity development, and inclusive partnerships to address the impacts of climate change.

AFoCO has actively engaged with relevant UN Agencies and other international partners in contributing to the promotion and protection of global environment and the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We are of the view that the activities of AFoCO cover matters of interest to the General Assembly. Hence, my delegation strongly believes that granting AFoCO the observer status in the General Assembly will further enhance cooperation between AFoCO and the United Nations and its member states in addressing issues such as climate change and sustainable environment.

Cambodia, therefore, would appreciate members of the Sixth Committee for their support to be extended to the draft resolution.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairman.**