

Eleventh Session of the Assembly  
30-31 October 2024, Seoul, Republic of Korea

## Agenda Item 3

### Information on the List of Parties and Observers

1. The list of Parties, as of 1 October 2024 is as below, in the order of date of deposit:

No.	Party	Date signed	Date of deposit of respective instrument
1	Republic of Korea	10 December 2015	4 November 2016
2	Viet Nam	17 October 2016	14 March 2017
3	Timor-Leste	20 June 2016	25 July 2017
4	Bhutan	13 September 2016	8 December 2017
5	Myanmar	31 July 2017	28 March 2018
6	Cambodia	16 February 2017	10 August 2018
7	Brunei Darussalam	8 May 2017	23 August 2018
8	Philippines	4 June 2018	20 February 2019
9	Lao PDR	13 March 2018	28 May 2019
10	Thailand	<i>Accession</i>	26 June 2019
11	Indonesia	2 August 2016	8 July 2019
12	Kazakhstan	<i>Accession</i>	4 September 2019
13	Mongolia	21 August 2017	1 July 2020
14	Kyrgyzstan	<i>Accession</i>	30 August 2022
15	Tajikistan	<i>Accession</i>	12 June 2024

2. In accordance with Decision 3-I-18R Guidelines on the Application of Non-Signatory Countries to become Parties, the Republic of Tajikistan has sent a Letter of Intent (LoI) to become a Party to AFoCO dated 24 July 2023. Upon confirmation of no objection from all Parties, the Republic of Tajikistan was granted Observer Status on 13 October 2023. Thereafter, Tajikistan deposited the Instrument of Accession on 12 June 2024, which came into force on 12 July 2024.

3. Following the intent from Malaysia to become a Party, Malaysia was granted Observer status to AFoCO as of 24 March 2020. Malaysia is currently taking domestic procedures for accession.

4. Singapore, considering its involvement and contribution to the adoption of the Agreement of the Establishment of AFoCO, was granted on 13 November 2018 for 5 years. After consideration of Singapore regarding its continued participation to AFoCO, Singapore submitted the letter of application for Observer status on 20 September 2024 in accordance with the Decision 1-I-18R-Rules of Procedure of the Assembly as contained in **Annex-1**.

5. The Secretariat is in view that continued participation of Singapore will be a significant addition to the organization's works:

- a. presence of all ASEAN Member States in AFoCO. Singapore being a founding member
- b. enriching AFoCO's activities in sharing experiences in biodiversity research
- c. contributing to strengthening climate-focused cooperation in the forest sector

**Actions to taken**

6. The Assembly may wish to

- a. take note of the information; and
- b. consider and approve application for Observer status of Singapore, based on no-objection basis in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

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 Statutory Board

20 September 2024

Dr. Park Chongho  
Executive Director  
Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)

Dear Dr. Park,

**Application for Observer Status for Singapore to the  
Asian Forest Cooperation Organization**

We refer to notification OR-754 and are pleased to inform that Singapore would like to apply for Observer status at the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) for the period of 2024 to 2029.

2 Singapore remains supportive of fostering international cooperation in forest conservation and climate change action. With reference to the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030 and the AFoCO 10-year Climate Action Plan 2025-2034, AFoCO promotes initiatives that are meaningful and positively impacts the Asian region in both aspects. Observer status at AFoCO would be a valuable opportunity in understanding and encouraging such activities, especially in bolstering the development of carbon markets and projects to address climate change. We look forward to participating in AFoCO's meaningful work and encouraging nature-positive climate action.

3 We would like to nominate the following officers as the Focal Official and Alternate Focal Official to AFoCO.

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4 Singapore agrees to comply with the relevant principles, rules and regulations of the Assembly of AFoCO, where relevant. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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