



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States

75th session of the Committee on Commodity Problems

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Item 5.1 Report of the 31st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats (CCP 22/8): *for endorsement*

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the EU and its 27 Member States.
2. The candidate countries Albania, Republic of Moldova, Türkiye, Ukraine and the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina align themselves with this statement.
3. We are grateful to Indonesia for all its efforts and for having hosted previous meetings. We commend the FAO's Secretariat for its work during these challenging sessions and would like to congratulate our peers for their efforts.
4. We note the achievement of the compromise solution concerning the wording of Chapter C, paragraph 19 ("Members deliberations and decisions") of the report and commend the hard piece of work undertaken by the Chair of the IGG to reach an agreement.
5. We recognize the importance of the three dimensions of sustainability in vegetable oils value chain, the necessity of fighting against deforestation, and to stress the common objective of implementing Agenda 2030.
6. A lesson that we draw from the process is, that membership needs time to properly assess proposals. Against this background we think it would be appropriate that the CCP

Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, assesses possible next steps and reports back to the CCP before launching a new process.

7. Finally, we encourage the Committee to endorse the report of the 31st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.
