



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

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Item 5.3: Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured 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 welcome the progress report on the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPower) 2021-23 of the Committee and take note with appreciation of the work and the many intersessional activities of the CCP. We would like to commend the Chair, Mr Gustaf Daud Sirait, the Bureau and the Secretariat for all their hard work in the challenging circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. We appreciate the efforts of the CCP to increase its inclusiveness through improving cooperation with regional groups, Technical Committees and the relevant FAO Governing Bodies, while promoting and facilitating the participation of farmers, civil society organisations and the private sector. While emphasising the complementarity of the CCP's activities and discussions on trade in food and agriculture, we also welcome the continuing collaboration with relevant international organisations such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

5. We note with appreciation the activities and contribution of the CCP to sustainable development through its contribution, in line with its mandate, to the FAO's Strategic Framework 2022-31 and Medium Term Plan 2022-25, and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).
6. As regards the proposed MYPOW 2022-24, we highlight the role of the CCP in monitoring and analysing the impacts of conflicts (with special emphasis on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine), economic instabilities, climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and other shocks and crises, as well as the transformation of agriculture and food systems and other developments relevant to agriculture commodity markets and trade.
7. With these comments, the EU and its Member States endorse the approval of the MYPOW 2022-24.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.