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Observer status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly at the request of Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 15th and 19th meetings, on 10 and 19 November 2020. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 12 August 2020 from the Permanent Representatives of Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/75/192).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.7](#)

5. At the 15th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of the Republic of Korea, also on behalf of Afghanistan, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia,

¹ [A/C.6/75/SR.15](#) and [A/C.6/75/SR.19](#).



Germany, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly" ([A/C.6/75/L.7](#)) and announced that Bangladesh, Qatar and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 19th meeting, on 19 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.7](#) without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization,

1. *Decides* to invite the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
 2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.
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