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**AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASIAN
FOREST COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (AFoCO)**

Preamble

The Parties to this Agreement,

RECALLING the forest-related decisions adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 (Rio+20), as well as the provisions of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in States Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification/Land Degradation, opened for signature on 14 October 1994, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat which was opened for signature on 2 February 1971, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which was opened for signature on 4 June 1992;

ALSO RECALLING the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests and the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the Resolutions and Decisions of the United Nations Forum on Forests as well as the Non-legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests;

WELCOMING the Sustainable Development Goals, as guided by the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 (Rio+20), to be integrated into the United Nations post-2015 development agenda;

CONSIDERING the urgent need for closer cooperation on forests among the Parties in Asia to contribute to the expansion of forestlands, the advanced study of forests, forestry and forest rehabilitation as well as to strengthen the capacities of the Parties in coping with global climate change issues;

RECOGNIZING that all Parties play significant roles in restoring and rehabilitating degraded lands, promoting sustainable forest management and combating desertification/land degradation, and the progress in that respect depends on the effective implementation of national forestry action programs;

ACKNOWLEDGING the great potential of the Green Growth initiatives, the past achievements and future potential of reforestation and forest rehabilitation, the progress made in the development of sustainable forest management practices and the potential for the improvement of forest governance in Asia;