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Dear Ricardo L. Calderon

Executive Director, Asian Forest Cooperation Organisation

8F, Forest Vision Center, 9 Gukhoedaero 62-gil, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul 07236, Republic of Korea

Dear Mr. Calderon,

It was my pleasure to meet you in person during the “International Scientific and Practical Conference on the topic "Sustainable Management of Mountain Forest Ecosystems in the Context of Climate Change" dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic” held in Bishkek, on September 15, 2022.

As the President of the Chamber of Forest Engineers of Türkiye (OMO) I am pleased to submit my application to be a “partner organization” of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) in line with your “Rules of Procedures for Partners Countries and Partner Organizations of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization”.

OMO, a non-profit NGO, was established under the Turkish Engineer and Architect Chambers Union Law in 1954. OMO is a corporate body and a professional organization operates in line with the Turkish Constitution. It is the legal representative of three different professional groups: Forest Engineers, Forest Industrial Engineers and Wood Products Industrial Engineers. Currently it has almost 20 thousand members.

We reviewed your webpage, your documents and your projects, also your vision. I am pleased to explain that OMO shares the same or close visions. As OMO we also work on the issues as climate change, biodiversity, ecosystem restorations. Some of our members are working for the Government of Türkiye while some others are working for private sector and universities. Please see our web page at this following link: <https://ormuh.org.tr/>

Besides its work in Türkiye OMO works internationally with the agencies of the United Nations like United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (Forest Europe) and others. It has also close connections with NGOs either an umbrella of network like the Union of European Foresters or independently based on the written agreements. Currently OMO signed Declaration of Intention (DoI) with 14 NGOs from Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, and Romania.

With this “Letter of Intention” I declared that;

1. The official name of the organization: **Chamber of Forest Engineers of Türkiye (OMO)**
2. Name and position of the focal official of the prospective Partner: **Mr. İsmail Belen, Forest Engineer (Msc), Adviser to the President for International Affairs. (Email: ismailbelen52@gmail.com , Mobile Phone: +90 506 222 48 19, LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ismailbelen/>)**

3. Information on the potential mutual benefits of the Partner and AFoCO: **Beside the work and projects can be implemented jointly, OMO can play a role of bridge for AFoCO with Europe, Balkans, Africa and Near East.**
4. OMO's commitment to comply with relevant policies and the Rules of Procedures of AFoCO: **As OMO we strongly support AFoCO's vision and policies.**

Dear Mr. Calderon,

On behalf of the Chamber of Forest Engineers of Türkiye, I am looking forward to hearing from you and ready to work based on agreement.

Kind regards.

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President
Chamber of Forest Engineers of Türkiye