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The Council of European Foresters (C.E.F.) is an international, professional organization of foresters established on 2011 and which has more than 58.400 members from 13 European countries.

The Council of European Foresters (C.E.F.) for sustaining it's activity in different fields has established two institutions: The Advisory Group of the Forest Experts from Europe (A.G.F.E.E.) and the European Forestry Academic Society (E.F.A.S.).

Given the essential importance of forests in mitigating the effects of climate change, since 2011 the Council of European Foresters has kindly asked the European Parliament and the Commission to set up a Commissariat for Forests or a General Directorate for Forests within the European Commission. The Council of European Foresters reiterates this proposal in 2020.

CEF, AGFEE and EFAS give a special appreciation to the activity of the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Commission to respect and apply the principle of subsidiary in the forest sector for all the Member States of the European Union, as long as there is no forest authority in the European Commission.

The Council of European Foresters, the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe and the European Forestry Academic Society are fully available to participate in the process of elaborating forestry strategies and policies, forestry regulations within the European Green Deal.

The Council of the European Foresters, the Advisory Group of the Forest Experts from Europe and the European Forestry Academic Society ask the European Commission to organize, as soon as possible, a high level meeting of the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Commission with the representatives of these three Organizations for the discussion of policies and solutions to current problem of forest and forestry sector of Europe.

*Thank you for your attention and
Kindest regards*

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