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on Forests  
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### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### Provisional agenda

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### Annotations

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

At its first session the Panel agreed on the need to allocate to not more than two in-session working groups the business to be considered at its second and probably third sessions. Each working group was to be chaired by one of the co-chairmen of the Panel, who would propose specific arrangements in consultation with all interested delegations.

Also at its first session, the Panel decided that the agendas of its forthcoming meetings should include all the issues in its programme of work in order to allow for their consideration in a balanced and integrated manner. At the same time, the Panel felt that certain issues should be dealt with in depth at particular future sessions.

#### 2. Implementation of forest-related decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at the national and international levels, including an examination of sectoral and cross-sectoral linkages

##### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.1  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.2  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.3  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.4  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.5  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/4)

#### 3. International cooperation in financial assistance and technology transfer

##### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element II  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/5)

4. Scientific research, forest assessment and development of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.1 (a)  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/6)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.1 (b)  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.2  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/10)

5. Trade and environment in relation to forest products and services

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element IV  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/11)

6. International organizations and multilateral institutions and instruments, including appropriate legal mechanisms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element V.1  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/12)

7. Other matters

8. Adoption of the report of the Panel on its second session

By its decision 1995/226, the Economic and Social Council decided, upon the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to approve the establishment of an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental panel on forests. The Panel is to pursue consensus and formulate coordinated proposals for action towards the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests. It is expected to present a progress report to the Commission at its fourth session, in 1996, and the final conclusions and policy recommendations to the Commission at its fifth session, in 1997.

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