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Annotations

1. Opening of the ad hoc expert group meeting

The Director of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will open the meeting.

2. Election of the Chairpersons

The ad hoc expert group may wish to elect two co-chairpersons from among the Government-designated experts at the meeting, one from a developing country and one from a developed country.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In order to facilitate the work of the ad hoc expert group, the provisional agenda and the draft organization of work of the meeting are tabled for consideration.

The expert group may wish to consider and adopt the agenda and an organization of work. The group may also wish to elect a rapporteur and establish a drafting group or groups to assist the co-chairpersons in preparing a draft report of the working group.



4. Tasks of the ad hoc expert group

In carrying out its tasks, the ad hoc expert group would follow the provisions of paragraph 29 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49, in which the expert group was requested to consider the content of the non-legally binding instrument to assist the Forum in its deliberations, drawing on the compilation and comments referred to in paragraphs 27 and 28 of the same resolution.

The ad hoc expert group will provide its outputs regarding the content of the non-legally binding instrument for the consideration of the Forum at its seventh session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (E/CN.18/AC.1/2006/2).

5. Other matters

The ad hoc expert group may wish to discuss other related matters.

6. Adoption of the report of the ad hoc expert group

The ad hoc expert group shall adopt a report at the meeting, for submission to the Forum at its seventh session. The report shall specify major outcomes of the group's work, including proposals and recommendations for further consideration by the Forum.