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**Продовольственная и
сельскохозяйственная организация****Европейская комиссия по лесному
хозяйству**

Тридцать девятая сессия
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**Доклад о работе совместной сессии Комитета
по лесам и лесной отрасли и Европейской
комиссии по лесному хозяйству****I. Введение**

1. По приглашению правительства Польши совместная сессия Комитета ЕЭК по лесам и лесной отрасли (семьдесят пятая сессия) и Европейской комиссии ФАО по лесному хозяйству (тридцать девятая сессия), «Ляс-2017», состоялась в Варшаве, Польша, с 9 по 13 октября 2017 года. В сессии приняли участие более 280 экспертов.

II. Участники

2. В работе сессии приняли участие делегации следующих 42 государств-членов: Австрии, Азербайджана, Албании, Армении, Беларуси, Бельгии, Болгарии, бывшей югославской Республики Македония, Венгрии, Германии, Греции, Ирландии, Испании, Казахстана, Канады, Кипра, Кыргызстана, Латвии, Нидерландов, Норвегии, Польши, Португалии, Республики Молдова, Российской Федерации, Румынии, Сербии, Словакии, Словении, Соединенного Королевства, Соединенных Штатов Америки, Таджикистана, Турции, Узбекистана, Украины, Финляндии, Франции, Хорватии, Черногории, Чешской Республики, Швейцарии, Швеции и Эстонии.

3. В работе сессии участвовал представитель Европейской комиссии.

4. В работе сессии участвовал секретариат Форума Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам.

5. На сессии присутствовали представители следующей межправительственной организации: Международного агентства по возобновляемым источникам энергии.

6. В работе сессии участвовали представители процесса «Леса Европы».

7. В работе сессии участвовали представители следующих неправительственных организаций: организации «Проект "Деревья Армении"», Европейской конфедерации лесовладельцев, организации «Кранн – деревья для Ирландии», «Экоинбуд», Европейской ассоциации государственных лесных организаций, Научно-



исследовательского института лесного хозяйства и деревообрабатывающей промышленности, Ассоциации «Друзья леса», Лесного научно-исследовательского института, организации «Гринпис», Института леса, Международного альянса частных лесовладельцев, Международной ассоциации студентов лесохозяйственных институтов, Регионального отделения для Восточной Европы и Центральной Азии Международного союза охраны природы и природных ресурсов, Программы одобрения систем сертификации лесов, «Планта Панта три интернешнл», организации «Деревья Квебека», Квебекского бюро по экспорту древесины, «Штихтинг Пробос», Шведской федерации лесной промышленности, Центрального союза производителей сельскохозяйственной продукции и лесовладельцев, Лесного попечительского совета, Польской ассоциации производителей бумаги, Союза европейских лесоводов, Союза лесопромышленников и лесозэкспортеров России, Всемирного фонда дикой природы. По приглашению секретариата на сессии присутствовали представители ряда других организаций, частного сектора, местных структур, научных кругов и средств массовой информации.

III. Открытие сессии

8. Сессию открыла г-жа Марта Гаворская (Польша), Председатель Комитета и сопредседатель сессии. Она приветствовала делегатов и представила докладчиков, выступавших по случаю открытия сессии: г-на Мануэла Собрала, Директора Форума Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам, г-жу Юрико Шоджи, заместителя Регионального представителя Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии, и г-на Андрея Васильева, заместителя Исполнительного секретаря ЕЭК.

9. Г-н Мануэл Собрал подчеркнул, что ЕЭК и ФАО, принимая во внимание давние традиции устойчивого лесопользования в регионе, могут самым активным образом содействовать реализации Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы. Он напомнил, что в следующем месяце в Найроби Форум Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам проводит совещание с региональными организациями для обсуждения того важного вклада, который они могут внести в осуществление Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы. Он также напомнил, что в 2018 году Политический форум высокого уровня проведет обзор Цели в области устойчивого развития (ЦУР) 15, «Сохранение экосистем суши».

10. Г-жа Юрико Шоджи напомнила о семидесяти годах сотрудничества между ЕЭК и ФАО и подчеркнула необходимость продолжения партнерства с учетом существующих сравнительных преимуществ и взаимного уважения в целях поощрения синергизма и содействия дальнейшему сотрудничеству с ключевыми партнерами. Г-жа Шоджи выразила признательность правительству Чешской Республики за проведенное в предыдущем месяце юбилейное мероприятие.

11. Г-н Андрей Васильев напомнил, что на регион ЕЭК приходится 43% мировой площади лесов и 60% мирового объема производства делового круглого леса и другой соответствующей лесной продукции. Поэтому ему отводится одна из ключевых ролей в деле осуществления Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы. Он также напомнил о семидесятой годовщине партнерства с ФАО и поблагодарил правительство Чешской Республики за организацию юбилейного мероприятия.

IV. Утверждение повестки дня (пункт 1 повестки дня)

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12. Г-н Кенан Кылыч (Турция), Председатель Комиссии и сопредседатель сессии, приветствовал участников и представил предварительную повестку дня.

13. Повестка дня была утверждена со следующими изменениями:

а) пункт 3 а) был перенесен в пункт «Общие вопросы, касающиеся Комитета и Комиссии» (пункт 2 аннотированной повестки дня); и

б) в рамках пункта 2 i) «Прочие вопросы» было решено рассмотреть вопрос «Сотрудничество между секретариатами ЕЭК и ФАО».

14. Несколько участников выразили озабоченность по поводу недостаточной широты охвата проекта комплексной программы работы и предложили выделить больше времени для его обсуждения.

V. Общие вопросы, касающиеся Комитета и Комиссии (пункт 2 повестки дня)

а) Вопросы глобальной политики, касающейся лесов

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15. Г-н Мануэл Собрал, Директор Форума Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам, представил Стратегический план Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы и информацию о последующих шагах по его осуществлению. Он подчеркнул, что его реализация зависит от стран, в частности от их добровольных национальных вкладов.

16. Комиссия и Комитет призвали страны:

а) активно участвовать в работе Форума Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам и осуществлении Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы, определить и утвердить добровольные национальные вклады в реализацию Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы на региональном и национальном уровнях в той части, в которой они касаются лесов, путем наращивания социально-экономического вклада лесов, и проводить мониторинг прогресса, используя в качестве основы для осуществления соответствующей деятельности документ ООН по лесам и национальные программы по лесам; и

б) продолжать предпринимать усилия в целях интеграции связанной с изменением климата деятельности в свои национальные программы по лесам и надлежащего отражения роли лесов в своих стратегиях и планах по смягчению последствий изменения климата и адаптации к нему, а также определять и осуществлять определяемые на национальном уровне вклады, которые связаны с лесами.

17. Комиссия и Комитет дали высокую оценку работе, проделанной совместно ЕЭК и ФАО, и просили их в рамках их существующих мандатов:

а) продолжать оказывать поддержку странам в деле выполнения ЦУР и Повестки дня на период до 2030 года в той части, в которой они касаются лесов, а также в осуществлении Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы в сотрудничестве с участниками Совместного партнерства по лесам;

б) представлять государствам-членам и другим заинтересованным сторонам обновленную информацию об изменениях, происходящих в глобальной и региональной политике в отношении лесов, в том числе путем возможного задействования Сети ЕЭК/ФАО по лесной политике, с целью внесения вклада в процесс осуществления ЦУР и Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы, а также в проведение обзора; и

с) продолжать работу по мониторингу лесов и проведению перспективных исследований в регионе.

b) Региональное сотрудничество

18. Г-жа Людмила Марушак, руководитель Братиславской группы по поддержанию связей процесса «Леса Европы», проинформировала участников сессии о сотрудничестве с ЕЭК и ФАО. Делегаты дали высокую оценку улучшению сотрудничества и подчеркнули важность продолжения проведения совместных мероприятий в целях избежания дублирования и усиления синергизма. Несколько делегатов подчеркнули необходимость достижения договоренности в отношении использования трех эмблем и авторских прав на доклад «Состояние лесов в Европе».

19. Г-н Антуан Нунеш, сотрудник по вопросам окружающей среды в ЕЭК, проинформировал участников сессии о мероприятиях, проводимых в рамках Программы обзоров результативности экологической деятельности ЕЭК в поддержку сотрудничества между Секцией лесного хозяйства и лесоматериалов ЕЭК/ФАО и Отделом окружающей среды ЕЭК.

20. Странам было предложено принять участие в работе Европейского молодежного лесного конкурса «Молодежь и леса Европы».

c) Семидесятая годовщина партнерства ЕЭК и ФАО

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21. Г-жа Наталия Бенешова, Департамент лесной политики и экономики, Министерство сельского хозяйства Чешской Республики, и г-н Томаш Крейзар, Директор Департамента лесной политики и экономики, Министерство сельского хозяйства Чешской Республики, проинформировали делегатов о мероприятиях в связи с празднованием 70-й годовщины партнерства между Комитетом и Комиссией, организованных в Мáriaнске-Лáзне, Чешская Республика, с 5 по 7 сентября 2017 года. Участники проведенного совещания рассмотрели и одобрили заявление по случаю этой юбилейной даты, которое было предложено Чешской Республикой. В этом заявлении сообщается о важных достижениях в области охраны лесов и управления ими, которых удалось добиться за последние семьдесят лет в регионе, а также отмечается необходимость развития сотрудничества для решения будущих проблем. Это заявление содержится в документе ECE/TIM/2017/Inf.1–FO:EFC/2017/Inf.1. Они также рассказали об итогах обсуждения вопросов сертификации, которое состоялось на том же совещании. Комитет и Комиссия поблагодарили правительство Чешской Республики за организацию этого важного мероприятия.

d) Доклад Рабочей группы

Документация: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2017/2

22. Г-н Джеффри Престемон, Соединенные Штаты Америки, в своем качестве Председателя Совместной рабочей группы ЕЭК/ФАО по вопросам статистики, экономики и управления в лесном секторе представил доклад о работе тридцать девятой сессии Совместной рабочей группы по вопросам статистики, экономики и управления в лесном секторе, которая состоялась 29–31 марта 2017 года в Женеве. В своем выступлении г-н Престемон уделил основное внимание пункту 6 – руководство деятельностью в Облaстях работы 1–4. С полным текстом выступления можно ознакомиться на веб-сайте Секции лесного хозяйства и лесоматериалов ЕЭК/ФАО <http://www.unece.org/forests/las2017>.

23. Комитет и Комиссия дали высокую оценку работе Совместной рабочей группы по вопросам статистики, экономики и управления в лесном секторе и подотчетных ей групп специалистов и подчеркнули, что все группы специалистов играют важную роль в обеспечении осуществления Комплексной программы работы и в качестве платформы для обмена техническими знаниями и опытом между государствами-членами.

е) Обзор мероприятий, проведенных в 2017 году, и мероприятий, запланированных на 2018 год

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24. Делегаты рассмотрели перечень мероприятий, проведенных в 2017 году, и предварительных мероприятий, предложенных на 2018 год. Комитет и Комиссия одобрили этот перечень.

ф) Глобальная оценка лесных ресурсов 2020 года, улучшение и упорядочение представления данных на международном уровне

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25. Г-н Ансси Пеккаринен, старший сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства, ФАО, и г-н Роман Михалек, сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства, Секция лесного хозяйства и лесоматериалов ЕЭК/ФАО, проинформировали участников сессии о подготовке к проведению Глобальной оценки лесных ресурсов 2020 года и планах организации ЕЭК, ФАО и процессом «Леса Европы» совместного сбора данных о лесах и устойчивом лесопользовании.

26. Комиссия и Комитет призвали страны:

а) принять активное участие в процессе представления информации для Глобальной оценки лесных ресурсов 2020 года, в том числе в изучении и подтверждении достоверности данных дистанционного зондирования;

б) сотрудничать с ЕЭК, ФАО и учреждениями-партнерами в целях достижения синергизма в деле сбора, анализа и использования данных, а также для сведения к минимуму дублирования усилий; и

в) поддержать выдвинутое ЕЭК/ФАО/процессом «Леса Европы» предложение о совместной работе по представлению данных на общеевропейском уровне.

27. Комиссия просила ФАО:

а) продолжать поддерживать разработку концепции глобального базового набора показателей и содействовать сбору данных для показателей, имеющих важное значение для Глобальной оценки лесных ресурсов 2020 года;

б) продолжать разработку и внедрение новой онлайн-платформы Глобальной оценки лесных ресурсов 2020 года в целях представления на добровольной основе, рассмотрения и ежегодной публикации фактологических данных по показателям 15.1.1 и 15.2.1 ЦУР;

в) продолжать совершенствовать Совместный вопросник по лесным ресурсам и рассмотреть варианты его расширения с целью использования в процессах представления данных по региональным критериям и показателям;

г) предоставить наборы данных дистанционного зондирования по конкретным странам для проверки их достоверности на национальном уровне и обеспечить необходимые инструменты и поддержку для анализа и использования данных; и

д) начать деятельность по укреплению потенциала в области методологий дистанционного зондирования и национальной инфраструктуры пространственных данных.

28. Комиссия и Комитет обратились к ФАО и ЕЭК с просьбой продолжать сотрудничать с процессом «Леса Европы» в целях организации ЕЭК, ФАО и процессом «Леса Европы» совместного сбора данных о лесах и устойчивом лесопользовании в регионе и, насколько это возможно, координировать его с процессом представления данных на глобальном уровне. Комитет и Комиссия предложили пересмотреть систему совместного сбора данных (ECE/TIM/2017/5; FO:EFC/2017/5, приложение 1, пункт 17), с тем чтобы, в частности, уточнить порядок упоминания этих данных в публикациях третьих сторон.

29. Было отмечено, что вопрос об авторских правах Организации Объединенных Наций в отношении доклада «Состояние лесов в Европе» имеет для ряда стран довольно большое значение.

g) Система оценки управления лесами (СЕМАФОР)

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30. Г-н Кристофер Принс, независимый консультант, рассказал о принципах функционирования Системы оценки управления лесами и проинформировал Комитет и Комиссию о результатах и опыте экспериментального применения этого подхода Группой специалистов ЕЭК/ФАО по мониторингу устойчивого лесопользования. Комитет и Комиссия приветствовали представленную информацию и дали высокую оценку работе, проделанной г-ном Принсом, Совместной рабочей группой ЕЭК/ФАО по вопросам статистики, экономики и управления в лесном секторе, Группой специалистов ЕЭК/ФАО по мониторингу устойчивого лесопользования, национальным корреспондентам и всеми другими экспертами, которые участвовали в осуществлении этого проекта.

31. Комитет и Комиссия подчеркнули важность проведения экспериментального исследования. Была отмечена полезность этого инструмента для разработки методологии оценки устойчивого лесопользования на национальном уровне. Однако по-прежнему вызывают озабоченность некоторые технические вопросы и политические аспекты применения этого инструмента (например, определение общих пороговых значений). Участники обсудили возможные последующие действия в связи с этим проектом на национальном и региональном уровнях, но каких-либо конкретных мероприятий согласовано не было.

h) Комплексная программа работы

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Документация: ECE/TIM/2017/8; FO:EFC/2017/8

32. Г-жа Марта Гаворская внесла на рассмотрение документ, содержащий проект Комплексной программы работы, и предложила высказать по нему общие замечания. После выступления ряда делегаций и по предложению сопредседателей делегаты приняли решение создать контактную группу для обсуждения Комплексной программы работы на полях официальной сессии. Г-же Любови Поляковой (Украина) и г-ну Гаю Робертсону (США) было предложено выполнять функции сопредседателей контактной группы.

33. Сопредседатели контактной группы представили проект, который впоследствии был утвержден Комитетом и Комиссией и содержится в приложении I. В знак признательности принимающей стране участники решили назвать Комплексную программу работы «Варшавской комплексной программой работы».

i) Прочие вопросы

34. По просьбе одной из делегаций в повестку дня был включен вопрос «Сотрудничество между секретариатами ЕЭК и ФАО». В рамках его рассмотрения делегаты с удовлетворением отметили продолжающееся сотрудничество между ЕЭК и ФАО и работу Секции лесного хозяйства и лесоматериалов ЕЭК/ФАО. Делегации призвали ЕЭК и ФАО держать Соглашение о партнерстве в поле зрения в целях учета изменяющихся обстоятельств и потребностей, связанных с осуществлением Варшавской комплексной программы работы. ЕЭК и ФАО подчеркнули свою открытость для замечаний и предложений в отношении осуществления мероприятий и отметили, что принятие решений в связи с Соглашением о партнерстве ЕЭК–ФАО относится к компетенции исполнительных глав этих двух организаций.

j) Обсуждение положения на рынке (пункт 3 а) повестки дня)

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35. Обсуждение положения на рынке открыла г-жа Марта Гаворская. Секретариат представил тему и пояснил, какая имеется справочная информация. В обсуждениях приняли участие следующие эксперты:

36. Айэн Макдональд, исполняющий обязанности директора Института проектирования высотных деревянных сооружений, рассказал о ситуации в секторе строительства высотных деревянных зданий в регионе ЕЭК, уделив особое внимание исследованиям, производству и использованию соответствующих материалов, в частности поперечно-клееных лесоматериалов, в Северной Америке. В ходе обсуждения делегаты затронули такие вопросы, как применение политических инструментов для поощрения использования древесины, производство новых поперечно-клееных лесоматериалов и потенциальная экономия затрат в случае использования древесины при возведении этих более крупных зданий.

37. Лотта Хан, внештатный архитектор, представила информацию о том, как глобальные демографические тенденции, изменения в предпочтениях, технологические достижения и проблемы в области обеспечения экологической устойчивости повлияют на развитие мебельной промышленности.

38. Анджей Самборский, эксперт из Польской ассоциации производителей бумаги, выступил с сообщением о складывающейся в Польше ситуации в связи с наблюдаемым в стране быстрым ростом производства и потребления лесных товаров.

39. Стен Нильссон, генеральный директор, «Форест сектор инсайты АБ», выступил с сообщением о динамике показателей производства, торговли и потребления лесных товаров в Европе. Он остановился на стратегических вызовах, стоящих перед сектором. В своих замечаниях и вопросах делегаты уделили основное внимание мерам политики в целях стимулирования использования древесины и последствиям торговых мер для европейской лесопильной промышленности.

40. Николай Иванов, заместитель Председателя Союза лесопромышленников и лесозэкспортеров Российской Федерации, выступил с сообщением о текущих и прогнозируемых будущих изменениях на рынке лесных товаров в Российской Федерации в части их производства, торговли и потребления. В своих замечаниях делегаты затронули такие вопросы, как экспортные ограничения и их воздействие на размещение мощностей по выпуску продукции с добавленной стоимостью.

41. Расс Тейлор, управляющий директор компании «Форест экономик адвайзорс», представил информацию о тенденциях на североамериканском рынке лесных товаров, где было отмечено резкое повышение цен и спроса на многие изделия из древесины. Он также сообщил о текущем статусе Соглашения о торговле пиломатериалами хвойных пород между Соединенные Штаты Америки и Канадой. В ходе обсуждения основное внимание было уделено факторам этого роста (жилищному строительству и сектору реконструкции зданий), а также важности и масштабам сертификации лесной продукции в Северной Америке.

42. Вернер Курц, старший научный сотрудник Канадской лесной службы (Министерство природных ресурсов Канада), рассказал о роли, которую играет лесной сектор в деле смягчения последствий изменения климата. Он отметил, что, согласно их модели выбросов углерода, использование древесины для производства товаров длительного пользования дает положительный эффект в плане сокращения выбросов, чего нельзя сказать о продукции с коротким сроком службы, как то бумага и энергоносители. Делегаты поинтересовались, почему в целевых показателях смягчения последствий изменения климата учитываются лишь управляемые леса; задача, в частности, состоит в ограничении антропогенных выбросов, а не природных явлений, которые в целом неподконтрольны человеку. Также состоялось обсуждение, посвященное модели, которую использует Канада, ее доступности, способам учета возраста деревьев в этой модели и общей необходимости проведения дополнительных исследований и сотрудничества по вопросам учета углерода в неуправляемых лесах и

замещения древесиной углеродоемких строительных материалов. С полным текстом всех выступлений можно ознакомиться на веб-сайте Секции лесного хозяйства и лесоматериалов ЕЭК/ФАО <http://www.unece.org/forests/las2017>.

43. Совместная сессия отметила растущую озабоченность по поводу того, что экспортные и импортные ограничения могут еще больше затруднить свободную торговлю необработанными и обработанными лесоматериалами. Совместная сессия также отметила, что учет овеществленной в зданиях энергии в рамках оценки жизненного цикла и при принятии решений мог бы существенным образом способствовать использованию древесины в качестве строительного материала в государствах – членах ЕЭК.

44. Комитет и Комиссия дали высокую оценку работе Секции лесного хозяйства и лесоматериалов ЕЭК/ФАО по организации обсуждения положения на рынке. Обзор ситуации на рынке и результаты последовавшего обсуждения, в ходе которого были рассмотрены ключевые тенденции и факторы происходящих в лесном секторе изменений, были отражены в заявлении о состоянии рынка, подготовленном редакционным комитетом и содержащемся в приложении к настоящему докладу (приложение II).

VI. Вопросы, касающиеся Комитета ЕЭК по лесам и лесной отрасли (пункт 3 повестки дня)

a) Вопросы, возникающие в связи с шестьдесят седьмой сессией Европейской экономической комиссии

45. Г-жа Марта Гаворская, Председатель Комитета, внесла на рассмотрение пункт 3 повестки дня, который был посвящен вопросам, касающимся Комитета.

46. Г-жа Паола Деда, секретарь Комитета, представила информацию о решениях, которые были приняты ЕЭК на ее шестьдесят седьмой сессии в апреле 2017 года в Женеве, Швейцария, и которые имеют отношение к Варшавской комплексной программе работы. В частности, она отметила создание Регионального форума по устойчивому развитию, который будет служить региональным механизмом для проведения последующей деятельности и обзора в связи с осуществлением Повестки дня на период до 2030 года. Следующий форум состоится в Женеве 1–2 марта 2018 года и проведет обзор выполнения ЦУР 7, ЦУР 12 и ЦУР 15, которые имеют большое значение для региональной работы по вопросам, касающимся лесов. Она предложила странам, желающим поделиться своим опытом, обратиться в ЕЭК.

47. Комитет принял к сведению представленную информацию.

b) Вопросы, возникающие в связи с семьдесят четвертой сессией Комитета по лесам и лесной отрасли

48. Г-жа Паола Деда, секретарь Комитета, проинформировала участников сессии о мерах по выполнению решений, принятых на его прошлой сессии.

49. Комитет принял к сведению эту информацию.

c) Проект правил процедуры Комитета

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50. Участники сессии рассмотрели проект правил процедуры Комитета на основе замечаний, высказанных в ходе сессии Комитета в Энгельберге, Швейцария, в ноябре 2015 года. Комитет не смог достигнуть договоренности по текущему варианту, а также по вопросу о необходимости наличия правил процедуры Комитета в целом и в конечном итоге принял решение отложить это обсуждение до следующей сессии. Замечания, высказанные делегатами в ходе обсуждения, будут отражены в новом варианте проекта, который будет представлен на следующей сессии.

51. В ответ на просьбу некоторых государств-членов изменить периодичность проведения сессий Комитета секретариат указал, что любые предложения на этот счет следует направлять в Европейскую экономическую комиссию.

d) Программа работы и публикации в 2018–2019 годах

Документация: ECE/TIM/2017/11; FO:EFC/2017/11

52. Председатель представила программу работы по Подпрограмме 7 Европейской экономической комиссии (Лесное хозяйство и лесоматериалы).

53. Программа работы, содержащаяся в документе ECE/TIM/2017/11; FO:EFC/2017/11, была принята со следующими изменениями:

а) в пункте 1 после предложения, заканчивающегося словами «2019 годы», было добавлено следующее предложение: «Эта программа работы поддерживает Комплексную программу работы ЕЭК/ФАО.»; и

б) в пункте 7 перед словами «осуществление Плана действий для лесного сектора в условиях развития "зеленой" экономики» было добавлено слово «добровольное».

e) Стратегические рамки на период 2020–2021 годов

Документация: ECE/TIM/2017/12; FO:EFC/2017/12

54. Председатель предложила делегатам рассмотреть и утвердить Стратегические рамки на период 2020–2021 годов.

55. Комитет утвердил Стратегические рамки на период 2020–2021 годов, содержащиеся в документе ECE/TIM/2017/12; FO:EFC/2017/12, со следующими изменениями:

а) в пункте 1 после предложения, заканчивающегося словами «Отдел по лесам, землепользованию и жилищному хозяйству», было добавлено следующее предложение: «Эта программа работы поддерживает Комплексную программу работы ЕЭК/ФАО.»; и

б) в пункте 2 перед словами «осуществление Плана действий для лесного сектора в условиях развития "зеленой" экономики» было добавлено слово «добровольное».

f) Выборы должностных лиц

56. Комитет переизбрал г-жу Марту Гаворскую (Польша) Председателем, а г-на Кристофа Дюрра (Швейцария), г-на Гая Робертсона (Соединенные Штаты) и г-жу Марию Соколенко (Российская Федерация) заместителями Председателя, с тем чтобы они занимали эти посты до конца семьдесят шестой сессии.

g) Сроки и место проведения следующей сессии

57. Делегация Канады выразила заинтересованность в организации сессии Комитета в 2018 году в Ванкувере, Канада. Комитет приветствовал это предложение. Канада проработает этот вопрос с секретариатом Комитета до конца месяца. Секретариат будет держать Бюро Комитета в курсе.

58. Делегация Российской Федерации выразила заинтересованность в организации совместной сессии Комитета и Комиссии в 2019 году в Российской Федерации. Комитет приветствовал это предложение. Российская Федерация в соответствующее время проработает этот вопрос с секретариатами Комитета и Комиссии. Секретариат будет держать Бюро Комитета и Исполнительный комитет Комиссии в курсе.

h) Прочие вопросы

59. Какие-либо прочие вопросы не рассматривались.

VII. Вопросы, касающиеся Европейской комиссии ФАО по лесному хозяйству

а) Последующая деятельность в связи с решениями, принятыми на тридцать восьмой сессии Европейской комиссии по лесному хозяйству

Документация: ECE/TIM/2017/13; FO:EFC/2017/13

60. Г-н Кенан Кылыч, Председатель Европейской комиссии ФАО по лесному хозяйству, внес на рассмотрение пункт 4 повестки дня, который был посвящен вопросам, касающимся Комиссии.

61. Г-н Экрем Язычы, секретарь Комиссии, представил документ с информацией о мерах, которые были приняты в ответ на просьбы, высказанные Комиссией на ее тридцать восьмой сессии.

62. Комиссия дала высокую оценку принятым мерам и просила ФАО:

а) интегрировать деятельность в области адаптации в работу по вопросам изменения климата, подчеркнув важное значение подхода, согласно которому «смягчение последствий изменения климата невозможно без адаптации к нему»; и

б) возобновить работу с Консультативной группой по знаниям в области лесного хозяйства (КГЗЛХ) с целью выработки руководящих указаний в отношении модернизации системы лесохозяйственного образования.

б) Деятельность Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии, касающаяся лесного хозяйства

63. Г-н Норберт Винклер, сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии, представил информацию о деятельности этого Регионального отделения ФАО в 2016–2017 годах.

64. Г-н Петер Пехацек, сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства Субрегионального отделения ФАО для Центральной Азии, представил информацию о деятельности этого Субрегионального отделения ФАО в 2016–2017 годах.

65. Делегаты приветствовали представленную информацию и дали высокую оценку работе ФАО в этом регионе. Они просили в будущем распространять информацию о деятельности ФАО в области лесного хозяйства во всем регионе перед сессиями. Кроме того, делегаты просили представить информацию о том, каким образом Комиссия могла бы оказывать оптимальную поддержку процессу разработки программы работы и бюджета в регионе. Делегаты также подчеркнули необходимость избежания дублирования между Варшавской комплексной программой работы и региональной деятельностью ФАО и с удовлетворением отметили, что проводимые мероприятия являются согласованными и дополняют друг друга и что они не являются частью Варшавской комплексной программой работы и не дублируют деятельность по ее линии.

66. Комиссия рекомендовала ФАО:

а) подготовить для следующей сессии Комиссии справочный документ о проводимых на региональном уровне мероприятиях, включая создание онлайн-информационной платформы, посвященной деятельности по проектам;

б) содействовать более широкому участию различных заинтересованных сторон, в том числе от сектора лесного хозяйства, в процессе разработки страновых программ ФАО; и

в) оказывать поддержку странам в разработке стратегий и мер, направленных на предотвращение трансграничного переноса лесных вредителей и болезней и борьбу с ними и, следовательно, повышение жизнеспособности лесов в контексте изменения климата.

с) Сеть по лесным инвазивным видам для стран Европы и Центральной Азии

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67. Г-жа Широма Сатиапала, сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства ФАО, сообщила делегатам в своем выступлении о создании платформы ФАО «Сеть по лесным инвазивным видам для стран Европы и Центральной Азии».

68. Комиссия призвала страны участвовать в работе платформы Сети по лесным инвазивным видам для стран Европы и Центральной Азии и вносить вклад в деятельность этой сети с целью укрепления регионального сотрудничества в связи с работой по решению проблемы лесных инвазивных видов в регионе.

69. Комиссия рекомендовала ФАО:

а) продолжать поддерживать создание и функционирование платформы Сети по лесным инвазивным видам для стран Европы и Центральной Азии и осуществление ее деятельности;

б) содействовать налаживанию связей и сотрудничества Сети по лесным инвазивным видам для стран Европы и Центральной Азии с Европейской информационной сетью по чужеродным видам Совместного исследовательского центра Европейской комиссии и другими европейскими инициативами;

с) участвовать в междисциплинарной и межведомственной деятельности, в частности по линии соответствующих основных направлений работы и/или региональных инициатив Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии, определенных в Стратегической рамочной программе ФАО;

д) поддерживать межсекторальные меры по защите растений в целях содействия сохранению биоразнообразия, адаптации к изменению климата и смягчению его последствий, а также сохранению и рациональному использованию природных ресурсов;

е) поддерживать усилия стран по планированию и осуществлению деятельности в рамках Платформы, в частности посредством работы в области подготовки и укрепления потенциала; и

ф) оказывать техническую поддержку в целях борьбы с лесными вредителями, которые необязательно считаются инвазивными видами.

д) Работа по восстановлению лесов и ландшафтов в условиях изменения климата в регионе

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70. Г-н Ансси Пеккаринен, старший сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства, ФАО, представил информацию о работе по обеспечению функционирования Механизма восстановления лесов и ландшафтов ФАО и о его возможном применении в регионе.

71. Комиссия обсудила представленную информацию и предложила странам:

а) разработать или укрепить механизмы для расширения сотрудничества между различными учреждениями, занимающимися вопросами землепользования в сельском, лесном и рыбном хозяйстве и животноводстве, на основе применения более комплексного ландшафтного подхода;

б) обеспечить участие лесовладельцев и фермеров, а также других партнеров в разработке качественных целевых показателей восстановления лесов и ландшафтов;

с) укреплять деятельность по восстановлению лесов и ландшафтов на всех уровнях и содействовать мобилизации надлежащих ресурсов;

д) предоставлять финансовые взносы и/или взносы натурой в целях активизации работы Механизма восстановления лесов и ландшафтов ФАО; и

е) поощрять страны к включению деятельности по восстановлению лесов и ландшафтов в добровольные национальные вклады в рамках Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы.

72. Комиссия рекомендовала ФАО:

а) поддерживать усилия стран региона по планированию и осуществлению деятельности, связанной с восстановлением лесов и других земель, подвергшихся деградации, в частности через Механизм восстановления лесов и ландшафтов, включая разработку национальных стратегий и планов действий, а также в рамках возможной «Европейской инициативы по восстановлению лесов и ландшафтов»;

б) оказывать странам помощь в разработке согласованных определений «подвергшихся деградации лесов» в контексте Конвенции о биологическом разнообразии и Айтинских задач;

в) стремиться к расширению сотрудничества с региональными партнерами в целях поощрения восстановления земель, подвергшихся деградации, в частности путем непосредственного участия в глобальных партнерствах и инициативах, включая Глобальное партнерство по восстановлению лесов и ландшафтов, Международную сеть образцовых лесов и инициативу «Ландшафты для людей, продовольствие и природа», а также с членами Совместного партнерства по лесам;

г) участвовать в междисциплинарной и межведомственной деятельности в интересах поддержки применения ландшафтных подходов; и

е) активно взаимодействовать с многосторонними, двусторонними и представляющими частный сектор партнерами, которые предоставляют ресурсы, включая Глобальный экологический фонд, Зеленый климатический фонд и многосторонние и региональные банки развития, с тем чтобы ФАО имела возможности оказывать более широкую поддержку деятельности государств-членов и региональных организаций экономической интеграции в области восстановления лесов и ландшафтов.

е) Деятельность Комитета «Silva Mediterranea» и Рабочей группы по вопросам управления горными водосборными бассейнами

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73. Г-н Хосе Мануэль Хакотот, Председатель Комитета «Silva Mediterranea», представил обзорную информацию о деятельности, проведенной под эгидой Комитета «Silva Mediterranea», в том числе о подготовке доклада «Состояние лесов Средиземноморья» и Агадирском обязательстве, одобренном в ходе пятой Недели лесов Средиземноморья.

74. Комиссия отметила проведение мероприятий в целях развития молодежного предпринимательства в области биоэкономики в качестве способа преодоления серьезных проблем, стоящих перед лесами Средиземноморья в условиях глобальных изменений.

75. Комиссия поддержала проведение деятельности, направленной на восстановление лесов и ландшафтов в регионе Средиземноморья.

76. Г-н Петер Чока, исполняющий обязанности секретаря Рабочей группы Комиссии по вопросам управления горными водосборными бассейнами, представил обзорную информацию о деятельности Рабочей группы.

77. Комиссия отметила необходимость:

а) дальнейшего наращивания членами поддержки деятельности Рабочей группы, в том числе посредством назначения национальных координаторов; и

б) дальнейшего руководства деятельностью Рабочей группы, особенно в части приоритетных тем, подлежащих рассмотрению Рабочей группой.

78. Кроме того, Комиссия отметила потенциал, которым обладает Рабочая группа в плане доведения соответствующей информации до сведения других сторон, занимающихся вопросами управления водосборными бассейнами и рисками, связанными со стихийными бедствиями.

f) Укрепление работы ФАО в отношении лесов бореальной и умеренной зон

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79. Г-н Андрей Кушлин, заместитель директора, Отдел ФАО по вопросам лесной политики и ресурсов, представил результаты проведенного ФАО анализа проблем и возможностей в области укрепления работы в отношении лесов бореальной и умеренной зон.

80. Что касается географического охвата, то Комиссия согласилась с тем, что ввиду различий, существующих между бореальными лесами и лесами умеренной зоны, применять единый подход в отношении этих двух биомов нецелесообразно, тогда как их выделение в отдельные направления работы с большей долей вероятности позволит получить желаемый эффект.

81. Что касается организации работы, то Комиссия признала изобилие существующих платформ и полезность динамичных и гибких полуофициальных/неофициальных механизмов и в то же время отметила важность создания дополнительного политического импульса в поддержку усилий стран-участников, который поможет обеспечить необходимую непрерывность и организационную скоординированность научно-технического сотрудничества.

82. Комиссия рекомендовала ФАО рассмотреть возможность налаживания более активного взаимодействия с существующими механизмами, вместо того чтобы создавать какую-либо дополнительную платформу, и призвала эти механизмы добиваться, при необходимости, более деятельного участия со стороны ФАО и ЕЭК. Комиссия также призвала ФАО продолжать наращивать организационную и информационную поддержку, оказываемую государствам-членам в регионе Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии в отношении лесов как бореальной, так и умеренной зон.

83. Комиссия приветствовала объявление Швеции об организации Совещания министров стран произрастания бореальных лесов (включая Канаду, Финляндию, Норвегию, Российскую Федерацию, Швецию и Соединенные Штаты), которое предлагается провести в Швеции в июне 2018 года. Комиссия отметила, что результаты этой предлагаемой встречи на высшем уровне могли бы быть представлены на следующей сессии Комитета ФАО по лесному хозяйству в контексте пунктов повестки дня, касающихся лесов бореальной и умеренной зон.

g) Значение работы, проводимой ФАО в области лесного хозяйства, для осуществления ЦУР в рамках региональных инициатив Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии

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84. Г-н Экрем Язычы, секретарь Комиссии, представил обзорную информацию об осуществлении ЦУР в рамках региональных инициатив Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии в части, касающейся лесного хозяйства.

85. Комиссия призвала страны региона:

a) признать многоплановую роль лесов в осуществлении региональных инициатив Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии и их вклад в достижение ЦУР;

b) более эффективно инкорпорировать комплексные ландшафтные подходы, которые применяют различные учреждения, занимающиеся вопросами землепользования в сельском, лесном и рыбном хозяйстве и животноводстве, в соответствующие национальные процессы планирования и укреплять межсекторальное сотрудничество на уровне ландшафтов;

с) предоставлять финансовые взносы и/или взносы натурой в целях поддержки региональных программ ФАО в области лесного хозяйства и соответствующих глобальных программ и инструментов, включая Механизм восстановления лесов и ландшафтов, Фонд поддержки лесных и фермерских хозяйств, Добровольные руководящие принципы ответственного регулирования вопросов владения и пользования земельными, рыбными и лесными ресурсами в контексте национальной продовольственной безопасности и применяемые в лесном хозяйстве региона фитосанитарные стандарты; и

d) представлять Региональной конференции ФАО для Европы последовательную информацию о роли, которую играют леса в рамках региональных стратегий и программ.

86. Комиссия рекомендовала ФАО:

a) укреплять интеграцию конкретных лесохозяйственных программ (в том числе Фонда поддержки лесных и фермерских хозяйств, Механизма восстановления лесов и ландшафтов, Добровольных руководящих принципов ответственного регулирования вопросов владения и пользования земельными, рыбными и лесными ресурсами в контексте национальной продовольственной безопасности, работы в области агролесного хозяйства и городского лесного хозяйства) и другой оперативной работы по вопросам лесного хозяйства в существующие и будущие региональные инициативы Регионального отделения ФАО для Европы и Центральной Азии, принимая при этом во внимание многоплановую роль лесов;

b) продолжать оказывать странам по их просьбе поддержку в деле укрепления национальной политики, рамок и мер финансирования, стимулирования, налогообложения и регулирования, в том числе правил, стандартов и мониторинга лесохозяйственных операций и практики, а также наращивания потенциала в этой области; и

с) предоставлять инструменты, методологии и данные (включая данные, получаемые с использованием географических информационных систем и картирования) для оценки воздействия изменения климата и поддержки работы по определению вариантов политики и инвестиционной деятельности, а также основанного на фактической информации планирования и рационального использования лесных ресурсов.

87. Комиссия предложила Региональной конференции рассмотреть рекомендации Комиссии при обсуждении текущих и будущих региональных инициатив, а также программы работы и бюджета.

h) Исследование Группы экспертов высокого уровня по продовольственной безопасности и питанию Комитета по всемирной продовольственной безопасности на тему «Устойчивое лесное хозяйство для обеспечения продовольственной безопасности и питания»

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88. Г-н Андрей Кушлин представил резюме и рекомендации Группы экспертов высокого уровня по продовольственной безопасности и питанию Комитета по всемирной продовольственной безопасности.

89. Учитывая важность устойчивого лесного хозяйства для обеспечения продовольственной безопасности и питания, отмеченную в исследовании Группы экспертов высокого уровня, Комиссия признала, что устойчивое управление лесами имеет ключевое значение для достижения ЦУР 2 «Ликвидация голода, обеспечение продовольственной безопасности и улучшение питания и содействие устойчивому развитию сельского хозяйства».

90. Комиссия предложила странам рассмотреть рекомендации Группы экспертов высокого уровня и инициировать принятие соответствующих мер.

91. Комиссия просила ФАО:

- а) оказывать странам поддержку в наращивании вклада лесов и деревьев в обеспечение продовольственной безопасности и питания, в частности в наиболее нуждающихся странах;
- б) поддерживать и поощрять роль, которую играют женщины в лесном хозяйстве и обеспечении продовольственной безопасности;
- с) выявлять, документировать и распространять передовые виды практики учета вопросов обеспечения продовольственной безопасности и питания в лесном хозяйстве; и
- д) разработать руководящие принципы учета целей в области обеспечения продовольственной безопасности и питания в политике лесного сектора и других смежных секторов, а также в политике и практике лесопользования.

i) Новый стратегический документ ФАО в области лесного хозяйства

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92. Г-н Андрей Кушлин представил записку секретариата о новом стратегическом документе ФАО в области лесного хозяйства.

93. Комиссия рассмотрела элементы нового стратегического документа, поддержала содержащиеся в докладе рекомендации и дала дополнительные руководящие указания в отношении структуры и ключевых компонентов.

94. В частности, Комиссия подчеркнула, что:

- а) новый стратегический документ должен поддерживать осуществление Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы, в том числе путем изложения четкой концепции вклада ФАО в достижение шести глобальных целей в отношении лесов, содержащихся в этом Плане, а также наглядно представлять, обосновывать и озвучивать эту концепцию;
- б) стратегический документ должен быть приведен в полное соответствие с ЦУР, Стратегией ФАО по вопросам изменения климата, Концепции на период до 2050 года и другими соответствующими стратегическими документами;
- с) необходимо явственно признать роль сотрудничества и партнерства. В этом контексте Комиссия также предложила ФАО продолжать играть и укреплять свою ведущую роль в рамках Совместного партнерства по лесам; и
- д) необходимо уделять должное внимание конкретным областям, в том числе оказанию поддержки странам в определении добровольных национальных вкладов, осуществлению определяемых на национальном уровне вкладов, связанных с лесами, оказанию поддержки странам с переходной экономикой в вопросах, касающихся изменения климата и деятельности по сокращению выбросов в результате обезлесения и деградации лесов, учету гендерной проблематики, роли молодежи, а также выявлению и обеспечению надлежащего баланса между нормативными и оперативными функциями и решению вопросов внутреннего управления.

j) Вклад ФАО в глобальный процесс

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95. Г-н Петер Чока, старший сотрудник по вопросам лесного хозяйства, ФАО, представил информацию об основных итогах четырех глобальных процессов и их последствиях для лесного хозяйства на мировом и региональном уровнях, а также для самой ФАО.

96. Комиссия предложила странам:

а) поощрять и отслеживать прогресс по связанным с лесами показателям и сообщить о ходе осуществления работы в рамках проведения Группой экспертов высокого уровня обзора ЦУР 15 в 2018 году;

б) рассмотреть рекомендации Дня действий в интересах лесов с целью создания благоприятных условий для развития сотрудничества между многочисленными заинтересованными сторонами; содействовать применению находящихся в открытом доступе инструментов мониторинга лесов и землепользования, например платформы для сбора данных о состоянии планеты («Collect Earth»); признать, что определяемые на национальном уровне вклады обеспечивают возможность для разработки действий, касающихся лесов, и интеграции СВОД¹ в процессы национального планирования;

с) продолжать предпринимать усилия по осуществлению устойчивого лесопользования в качестве вклада лесного сектора в обеспечение всестороннего учета биоразнообразия; и

д) внести вклад в подготовку Комиссией в сотрудничестве с Комитетом и другими соответствующими региональными органами региональных материалов по ее соответствующим областям специализации для ФООНЛ-13 и ФООНЛ-14.

97. Комиссия рекомендовала Комитету ФАО по лесному хозяйству рассмотреть совместно с другими техническими комитетами ФАО возможность принятия конкретных мер по итогам международных переговоров.

98. Комиссия просила ФАО:

а) оказывать странам помощь в деле укрепления их потенциала в области мониторинга связанных с лесами показателей ЦУР и усиления вклада лесов в достижение ЦУР;

б) продолжать вносить вклад в реализацию Программы глобальных действий по борьбе с изменением климата и поощрять в рамках КС 23 связанные с лесами инициативы, проекты и программы, а также оказывать странам содействие в подготовке связанных с лесным хозяйством и другими секторами землепользования предложений для Зеленого климатического фонда;

с) информировать Комитет ФАО по лесному хозяйству о планах и ходе работы по созданию платформы для всестороннего учета биоразнообразия, а также о деятельности ФАО по содействию сохранению и устойчивому использованию биоразнообразия лесов;

д) поддержать включение соответствующих положений о роли лесов в стратегии по осуществлению Конвенции о биологическом разнообразии на период после 2020 года;

е) изучить пути и средства для оказания содействия дальнейшему наращиванию вклада лесного сектора в обеспечение всестороннего учета биоразнообразия;

ф) поддержать деятельность Форума Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам, в том числе посредством проведения аналитической работы, включая подготовку доклада «Состояние лесов мира» и Глобальной оценки лесных ресурсов; и оказывать странам по их просьбе помощь в определении добровольных национальных вкладов; и

г) укреплять свою руководящую роль в рамках Совместного партнерства по лесам и проводить работу по наращиванию поддержки осуществлению Стратегического плана Организации Объединенных Наций по лесам на 2017–2030 годы, в том числе посредством представления плана работы

¹ Программа Организации Объединенных Наций по сокращению выбросов в результате обезлесения и деградации лесов и поощрению роли сохранения лесов, устойчивого управления лесным хозяйством и увеличения накоплений углерода в лесах в развивающихся странах.

и рекомендации Совместного партнерства по лесам в отношении глобального базового набора показателей по лесам ФООНЛ-13 и Комитету ФАО по лесному хозяйству в 2018 году.

к) Периодичность проведения сессий Комиссии

Документация: ECE/TIM/2017/Inf.4; FO:EFC/2017/Inf.4

99. Г-н Экрем Язычы, секретарь Комиссии, представил на рассмотрение Комиссии информацию о циклах проведения совещаний и представления отчетности ФАО и о соответствующих правилах Комиссии.

100. Делегат Нидерландов внес на рассмотрение предложение и доводы в его обоснование. Некоторые делегаты отметили, что предложение о проведении ежегодных сессий Комиссии позволит принимать решения по вопросам осуществления на ежегодной основе в ходе совместных заседаний и располагать большим временем для руководства работой Комиссии в регионе.

101. Несколько делегатов заявили, что приведенные доводы не являются удовлетворительными, и что они не видят необходимости в ежегодных сессиях Комиссии. По мнению ряда делегатов, более частое проведение сессий будет бременем для государств-членов и секретариата, которому следует сосредоточить свое внимание на осуществлении Варшавской комплексной программы работы. Некоторые делегаты упомянули о возможной роли Совместной рабочей группы в межсессионный период, однако какого-либо консенсуса в отношении изменения нынешнего круга ведения Совместной рабочей группы достигнуто не было. Некоторые делегаты также отметили важность проведения совместных сессий Комитета и Комиссии.

102. Комиссия рассмотрела различные варианты. Ввиду расхождений во мнениях, высказанных делегатами, Комиссия не смогла завершить обсуждение этого вопроса.

л) Вклад в деятельность руководящих органов ФАО

Документация: ECE/TIM/2017/22; FO:EFC/2017/22

103. Г-н Петер Чока, ФАО, представил пересмотренную типовую форму для скоординированного представления замечаний и предложений по повесткам дня Комитета ФАО по лесному хозяйству и Региональной конференции ФАО для Европы и по программе работы ФАО в области лесного хозяйства, а также напомнил о рекомендациях, вынесенных Комиссией в ходе проведенных ею обсуждений.

104. Г-н Кенан Кылыч, Председатель Комиссии, представил предложение Исполнительного комитета, касающееся рекомендаций в отношении повесток дня Региональной конференции ФАО для Европы и Комитета ФАО по лесному хозяйству.

105. Комиссия вынесла рекомендацию в отношении повестки дня Комитета ФАО по лесному хозяйству, которая содержится в приложении III а.

106. Комиссия также вынесла рекомендацию в отношении повестки дня Региональной конференции ФАО для Европы, которая содержится в приложении III б.

107. Что касается рекомендаций в отношении приоритетов программы ФАО в области лесного хозяйства, то Комиссия просила секретариат подготовить компиляцию рекомендаций, вынесенных Комиссией в ходе «Ляс-2017», определить связи, существующие между этими рекомендациями и стратегическими целями ФАО, и включить эту компиляцию в настоящий доклад в качестве приложения III с.

м) Выборы должностных лиц, сроки и место проведения следующей сессии

108. В соответствии с правилами процедуры и установившейся практикой Комиссия путем аккламации избрала г-жу Кристин Фарси (Бельгия) Председателем и переизбрала г-на Роба Бюсинка (Нидерланды), г-на Кенана Кылыча (Турция) и г-жу Любовь Полякову (Украина) заместителями Председателя, с тем чтобы они занимали эти посты до конца сороковой сессии Комиссии.

109. Комиссия тепло поблагодарила г-на Кенана Кылыча, покидающего свой пост Председателя, за его прекрасную работу на посту Председателя Комиссии и заместителя Председателя Комитета ФАО по лесному хозяйству.

110. Делегация Российской Федерации выразила заинтересованность в организации совместной сессии Комитета и Комиссии в 2019 году в Российской Федерации. Комиссия приветствовала это предложение. Российская Федерация в соответствующее время проработает этот вопрос с секретариатами Комитета и Комиссии. Секретариат будет держать Бюро Комитета и Исполнительный комитет Комиссии в курсе.

n) Прочие вопросы

111. Какие-либо прочие вопросы не рассматривались.

VIII. Утверждение доклада о работе совместной сессии и ее закрытие

112. Комитет и Комиссия утвердили настоящий доклад о работе сессии.

113. Сопредседатели сессии поблагодарили делегатов за их вклад в подготовку доклада. Совместный секретариат проинформировал участников о том, что окончательно отредактированный доклад будет выпущен в ближайшее время.

114. Участники сессии также выразили искреннюю признательность правительству Польши за его приверженность международному сотрудничеству по вопросам лесохозяйственной деятельности, оказанный теплый прием и прекрасную организацию сессии.

115. Совместная сессия была закрыта в четверг, 12 октября 2017 года, в 21 ч 45 мин.

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Annex I

Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

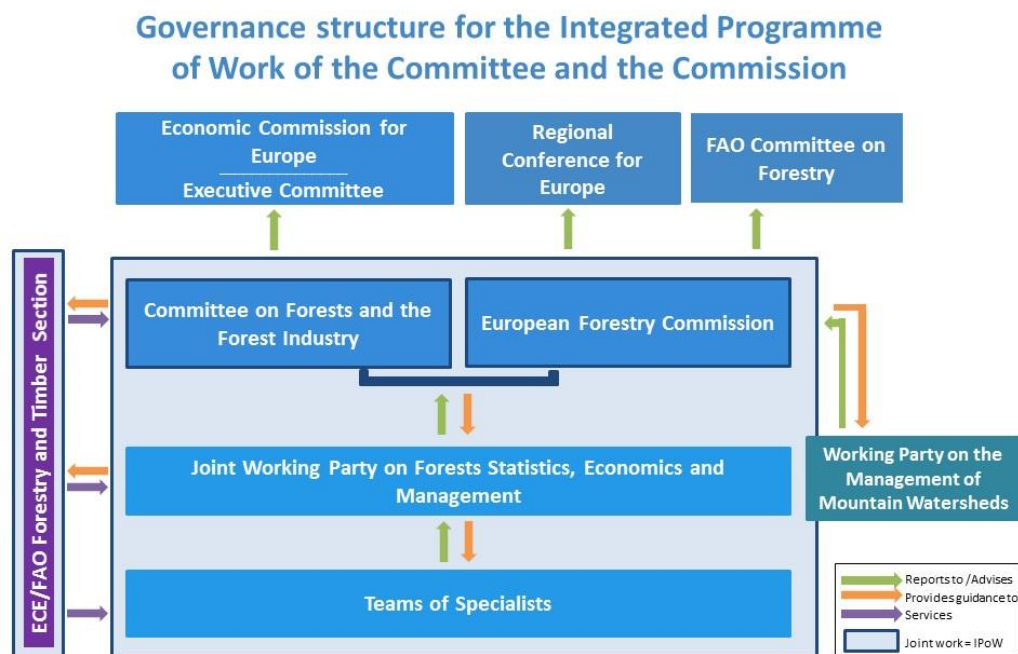
I. Recommendations and decisions in support of the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

1. The “Las2017”, the joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, which took place in Warsaw, Poland from 9 to 13 October 2017, adopted the attached Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work for the period 2018-2021.

2. Formal governance is undertaken by the two parent bodies, the ECE Committee and the FAO Commission, which have the ultimate oversight responsibility for the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. The frequency of meetings is decided in accordance with their respective rules of procedure. According to established practice, the Committee meets annually. The Commission’s Rules of Procedure indicate that the Commission in principle meets every second year. The Committee and the Commission expect to hold joint sessions in 2019 and 2021 with the aim to further strengthen cooperation, build on synergies and ensure cost efficiency. During joint meetings, matters of relevance to the Committee or the Commission only would be considered separately and under specific agenda items during these sessions. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, a subsidiary body of the Committee and the Commission, which contributes to the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work, meets annually.

3. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work will be implemented respecting mandates of FAO and ECE and based on comparative advantages in order to reach efficiency and avoid duplication. FAO and ECE will strive to avoid duplication amongst their respective activities and with other forest-related regional initiatives and projects.

4. A specific list of activities to implement the Programme is agreed on an annual basis by the Working Party and the Committee and the Commission. ECE and FAO are asked, in line with their governance structures, to present an overview of their forest-related work in the region to each session of the Working Party in order to facilitate the review of the proposed list.



5. The Bureau of the Committee and the Executive Committee of the Commission are entrusted with providing guidance on the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work as needed. They should meet jointly at least twice annually and inform the member States and regional economic integration organizations about their decisions. The minutes of the meetings will be made available on the websites of both organizations.
6. Joint sessions should have the same name for each session – “forest” in the language of the country hosting the session and then the year of the session, when taking place outside ECE and FAO Headquarters.
7. The secretariat should continue and maintain the joint preparation and implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. The secretariat will service the sessions of the two intergovernmental bodies, the joint meetings of the Bureaux, produce joint publications and have a joint profile.
8. Member States and regional economic integration organizations are encouraged to strengthen coordination between delegates of the Committee and of the Commission at the national level in implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (for example, by appointing the same Head of Delegation for both).
9. The Committee and the Commission should encourage their members in linking the ECE and FAO work to activities at the national level in order to ensure feedback on the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work and encourage the cooperation between countries in this regard.

Data management

10. At supranational level, data on forests and forest management are collected through regular and ad hoc processes. They are often collected, stored and disseminated separately, through different means and formats. Taking into account relatively long data collection cycles, this situation seriously hampers continuity, inter-connectivity, and planning for data collection and its management. This also limits the availability and usability of the information collected at that level.

11. It is recommended that the organization and structure of data on forests (collected by ECE and FAO and retained by the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section), their management, their functions and their services be analysed. While avoiding any duplication with existing similar repositories, the results of this analysis would provide the basis for a potential decision on the establishment of an electronic repository, enhancing the efficiency of data collection, management and dissemination.

Private sector

12. The involvement of the private sector, given its relevance to the work undertaken by the Committee and the Commission, should be increased, including through the encouragement of participation in existing subsidiary and expert bodies, and by maintaining high relevance of the market discussions for the private sector at the sessions while noting the essential benefits that forests goods and services provide to the public at large, which could then provide advice to the ECE and FAO regarding further private sector engagement. The market discussions should at least last one day.

Funding

13. The final list of activities prepared every year should help member States and regional economic integration organizations to further prioritize the work of the secretariat. A related budget is prepared and shared with the Joint Bureaux, member States and regional economic integration organizations after the approval of the list to understand the feasibility of activities and identify funding needs. Additional sources of funding will be sought from relevant global, regional and national donor organizations.

Outreach

14. To the upmost extent possible, communication activities shall be implemented with due regard to keeping a balance between subregions, Work Areas and between official languages of the Committee and the Commission in order to increase the impact and visibility of work.

Partnerships

15. Partnerships, within the scope of ECE and FAO relevant policies, should be established with other sectors, including through cooperation with other ECE Committees and FAO Commissions. Partnerships should be designed to serve to demonstrate the value of forests and forest products for other sectors (energy, environment, housing, employment, climate change, etc.) and consider the impacts of other sectors on the forest sector.

16. Cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations and processes, including the European Union, the Intergovernmental Council on Forestry and the Forest Industry of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Forest Europe, the United Nations Forum on Forests, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations and the European Forest Institute, amongst others, should be fostered.

17. Good examples and best practices of cross-sectoral cooperation should be highlighted and showcased whenever possible.

18. Partnerships are expected to enhance synergies of work and cooperation amongst relevant organizations and processes to avoid fragmentation of regional work on forests.

II. Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (Part I)

19. The oversight responsibility for the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission remains with the members of the Committee and the Commission.

20. The implementation and coordination responsibilities for the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work of the Committee and the Commission rests primarily with ECE and FAO through the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section. The implementation is supported by the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists, as well as relevant units of the ECE and FAO. The Programme is also implemented with the support of member States and regional economic integration organizations, in close cooperation with relevant organizations and processes at all levels and other relevant stakeholders participating in the Committee and Commission intergovernmental processes.

21. It will contribute to the implementation of: (i) the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the SDGs, (ii) the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, (iii) the United Nations Forum on Forests Quadrennial Programme of Work 2017-2020, (iv) the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, (v) the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and (vi) other international objectives and processes relevant to forests, including the Bonn Challenge and the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.

A. Scope

22. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work covers all fifty-six member States of the ECE region, in line with the Committee's membership². Thirty-nine member States, which are all ECE member States, and the European Union, are members of the Commission³.

23. The Programme encompasses the following main topics related to forests, sustainable forest management and the forest sector:

- (a) The state of forests and the state of sustainable forest management;
- (b) The implementation and promotion of sustainable forest management, according to the seven thematic elements of the United Nations Forest Instrument;
- (c) Forest related industries, the use of forest products, as raw material, construction, and energy; and related innovation perspectives;
- (d) Forest and forest sector policies, institutions and instruments, including the linkages between forest and timber policies and other sectoral policies;
- (e) The contribution of the forest sector in the transition towards a green economy, forest products and ecosystem services, employment and other socio-economic aspects; including economic viability of the sector; and

² Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uzbekistan.

³ Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan and the European Union.

(f) To contribute to the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the forest-related Sustainable Development Goals as well as the implementation of United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, within the existing mandates of ECE and FAO.

B. Overall goal

24. The overall goal of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work 2018-2021 of the Committee and the Commission is to support member States and regional economic integration organizations in their efforts to sustainably manage forests so that they provide forest goods and services to benefit society.

C. Objective of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

25. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work aims to assist member States and regional economic integration organizations to achieve the overall goal described above by: providing the best available information; facilitating policy dialogues and communication; and building capacity.

D. Structure and Work Areas

26. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work remains structured around four main functions, or work areas, as follows:

Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

Work Area 4: Capacity-building

27. Actions contained in the Rovaniemi Action Plan and attributed to the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section are indicated in an annex to the Plan with an asterisk and are reflected in the annual list of activities as part of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work 2018-2021, subject to availability of financial and human resources.

28. Specific activities and outputs proposed for the four Work Areas are outlined below.

Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

29. The data collection and reporting work in the region consists of the following:

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics and other information on: forest resources, forest products (wood and non-wood), forest functions and services, progress toward sustainable forest management, forest policies, institutions and instruments, and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy;

(b) Analysis and assessment of the state of forests, sustainability of forest management and forest products markets; and monitoring the role of the forest sector in a green economy; and

(c) Cooperation and contribution to international processes on sustainable forest management, including on the development and use of regional Criteria and Indicators and collaboration with Forest Europe in the preparation of the report on the State of Europe's Forests.

30. The monitoring and analysis of developments in various forest-related areas and cooperation with other relevant organizations working in these areas, while avoiding duplication. This includes the gathering of comprehensive statistics and data (quantitative and qualitative), and developing methodologies for data collection, analysis and assessments on:

- (a) Forest product markets and services;
- (b) Current forest conditions, sustainable forest management, and the functions and services forests provide;
- (c) Long-term supply of and demand for wood and other forest goods and services;
- (d) Use of wood energy and its implications for sustainable forest management; and
- (e) Jobs, employment and working conditions.

31. Data are collected in partnership with member States and regional economic integration organizations, international organizations and the scientific community, based on agreed standards and rules. The Team of Specialists will pay particular attention to the integration and consolidation of reporting activities with other processes in the region (e.g. Forest Europe, Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 process). Activities under Work Area 1 are also expected to improve the quality of information, ensuring international compatibility, storage, dissemination and analysis of the information, and to assist member States and regional economic integration organizations in strengthening their capacity in this area (see Work Area 4 on capacity-building).

32. Outputs from this Work Area include: the Forest Products Annual Market Reviews; the State of Europe's Forests (in collaboration with Forest Europe); the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire; the Timber Forecast Questionnaire; the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry; the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire; the regional input to the FAO Global Forest Resource Assessment 2020 in cooperation with Forest Europe; associated databases of the previously mentioned outputs; Market Statement, forecast tables; the reporting of progress towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and achievement of forest-related SDGs, and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030; studies on forest employment and working conditions; assessment of the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy; and ad hoc enquiries and studies contributing to areas mentioned above in paragraph 30, upon decision by the Committee and the Commission.

Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

33. This component involves the organization of regional policy dialogues and specific studies and the facilitation of national dialogues on request from member States and regional economic integration organizations. The subjects to be covered will address issues mentioned in the scope of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. This work will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and forest related SDGs, the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and the United Nations Forum on Forests Quadrennial Programme of Work 2017-2020, and to the relevant global (mainly the United Nations Forum on Forests and the FAO Committee on Forestry, regional and national forest dialogues. Activities in this Work Area also contribute to efforts to promote cross-sectoral cooperation.

34. Outputs from this Work Area include:
- (a) Analyses, guidelines and recommendations to support member States and regional economic integration organizations in implementing the above mentioned initiatives and plans;
 - (b) Contributions to the Forest Europe Work Programme;
 - (c) Policy dialogues and workshops for the region;
 - (d) Forest Sector Outlook Studies; and
 - (e) Policy-related parts of relevant ECE and FAO joint work/studies, such as relevant reviews and reports on the status and trends in forests and sustainable forest management.

Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

35. Communicating effectively within and outside the forest and forest products sector is essential to promote sustainable forest management. Enhancing the efforts of the Committee

and the Commission to reach out to relevant constituencies to draw attention to the regional priorities in the forest sector and to increase the dissemination of the information and tools produced, at the national, regional and global levels, will make an important contribution to this end. This will be achieved through:

- (a) Providing a regional platform for international cooperation in forest related communication (through the Forest Communicators Network Team of Specialists);
- (b) To contribute to the dissemination of information on and the implementation of Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4;
- (c) Organizing events and campaigns in support of sustainable forest management and forest products and services (e.g. the International Day of Forests, the European and Global Forest Weeks);
- (d) Dissemination of information produced under the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work via policy briefs, press briefs, the Forest Information Billboard, social media/networks, videos and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information released;
- (e) Maintaining and improving the ECE/FAO website especially regarding user-friendliness and design;
- (f) Contributing to the organization of relevant events in member States and regional economic integration organizations and the dissemination of their forest-related announcements (e.g. capacity-building workshops, special public relations events) in cooperation with member States, regional economic integration organizations and other stakeholders;
- (g) Carrying out outreach activities beyond the forest sector for disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products and services to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and buildings); and
- (h) Communicating effectively the news and updates from the work at other forest-related international fora.

36. Outputs from this Work Area include:

- (a) Events and campaigns (e.g. contribution to the organization of International Forest Day events, contribution to the organization of the European Forest Week, etc.);
- (b) Policy briefs;
- (c) Press briefs;
- (d) Contribution to the Forest Information Billboard;
- (e) Contribution to, and dissemination of, ad hoc studies through communication channels; and
- (f) Inputs to the website.

Work Area 4: Capacity-building

37. While all member States and regional economic integration organizations benefit from international cooperation through the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work, technical assistance is available to countries in Eastern and South Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. This work on capacity-building aims at encouraging sustainable forest management, data collection, monitoring and analysis as well as promoting the engagement of national experts from the region in activities relevant to the region. It covers the themes encompassed in the scope of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work, including:

- (a) National systems for forest monitoring and statistical reporting;
- (b) Forest communication strategies;

- (c) Mitigation of and adaptation to climate change;
- (d) Forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge;
- (e) The implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and countries' voluntary national contributions; and
- (f) The contribution of the forest sector to:
 - i. a green economy;
 - ii. the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of forest-related SDGs;
 - iii. the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

38. This Work Area also benefits from the implementation of the United Nations Development Account project on "Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia" (2016-2019).

39. Outputs from this Work Area include:

- (a) Publications;
- (b) Capacity-building workshops;
- (c) Training material and recommendations;
- (d) Technical assistance;
- (e) Provision of specific, targeted expertise; and
- (f) Enhanced cooperation and development of contacts in the target countries.

E. Principles guiding implementation

40. Implementation should be guided by the following principles:

Partnership

41. There will be a strong focus on working in partnerships with international and regional actors as the most effective way of optimizing benefits and avoiding potential duplication of activities. The Committee and the Commission will seek and welcome cooperation for any of the relevant outputs under the four Work Areas.

Outreach to other constituencies

42. In the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work, the Committee and the Commission will look beyond the traditional forest constituency to make sure the relevance of the forest sector and its contribution to other sectors is well recognized and understood. They will coordinate relevant actions with, for example, the environment, biodiversity, energy, water, agriculture, construction and building sectors, using the potentials offered by the ECE and FAO.

Expert advice

43. The work and expected outputs of the Teams of Specialists will be fully aligned with the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work and its objectives and will support the related areas of work, recognizing the importance of the involvement of the scientific community. In this context, the Forest Communicators Network should support other Teams on outreach efforts and for the dissemination of relevant products. Due regard should be given to the Committee and Commission official languages when organizing meetings and issuing publications and documents, as appropriate.

Involvement of the private sector

44. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work recognizes the private sector as a key actor for developing sustainable forest management, sustainable forest products and services and the transition towards a green economy. The participation of the private sector in the work of the Committee and the Commission including in the market discussions will be actively sought, in line with the ECE and FAO organizational policies. Increased participation from various relevant stakeholders should be encouraged.

Gender mainstreaming

45. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work gives due consideration to making the concerns and experiences of women and men an integral part of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of its activities, so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated (UN ECOSOC, 1997). Gender mainstreaming is a central part of ECE and FAO's strategic frameworks and their policies and programmes.

F. Support to the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work and related resources

46. Progress in the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work will be reported annually. The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work should have the flexibility to allow addressing from a technical perspective emerging issues of policy relevance and interest or influence to forestry and the forest industry.

47. Implementation will depend on regular programme funding levels and to a large extent on extrabudgetary resources, as well as available human resources. Member States, regional economic integration organizations and other donors are encouraged to support such activities in kind and/or with the necessary level of financial resources. The annual list of activities, which is submitted on an annual basis to the Working Party and subsequently to the Committee and the Commission for their approval, will show clearly the areas of work (e.g. capacity-building) or activities where extrabudgetary funding will be needed.

48. A broader engagement by member States and regional economic integration organizations should be sought. In particular, resources should be identified to finance the participation of delegates from eligible countries with economies in transition.

G. Expert support

49. The Teams of Specialists, composed of experts in particular fields, provide advice or undertake activities that support the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. Teams of Specialists may also provide guidance to the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on relevant Work Areas, help with outreach activities to country-level experts, and produce team-specific outputs in support of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. Teams of Specialists are established by the ECE Executive Committee and human and financial resources are provided by both ECE and FAO through their separate budgetary processes for servicing the meetings of the Teams of Specialists. Their terms of reference are approved by the Committee and the Commission. The Teams of Specialists report annually to the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

50. Guidelines for the Teams of Specialists clarifying the Teams' mandates and procedures, and the role and responsibilities of Team leaders, and deputy leaders, Team members and the secretariat can be found in Part 2.

III. Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (Part II)

A. Terms of Reference of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

1. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management is a subsidiary body of the Committee and the Commission and contributes to the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work of those two bodies. It does so by coordinating the Teams of Specialists and the activities of the Integrated Programme of Work as well as providing technical advice. It takes instructions from COFFI and the Commission and meets annually to:

(a) Provide guidance on the implementation of all areas of the Integrated Programme of Work;

(b) Supervise the work of Teams of Specialists and facilitate the exchange of information on their work; and

(c) Identify priorities for action and relevant emerging issues; and transmit suggested priorities and specific recommendations to COFFI and the EFC for consideration.

2. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management shall, for each Work Area, on the basis of a report from the secretariat, review and comment on the activities undertaken during the past year and the plans for the forthcoming year.

3. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management shall review, on an ongoing basis, the work of the Teams of Specialists and their contribution to the Work Areas as well as work between the Teams of Specialists to ensure the most effective and efficient implementation of their activities. It will:

(a) Receive and discuss the reports from the Teams of Specialists in order to enhance the understanding of their activities and assess their work plans; when needed, the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management may review and recommend updated mandates for endorsement by the parent bodies;

(b) Identify possible synergies; and facilitate the exchange of experiences between Teams of Specialists and delegations from member States; and

(c) Increase the visibility and impact of the work of Teams of Specialists among member States and within the relevant bodies in the United Nations.

4. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, as part of its work for the Committee and the Commission, shall:

(a) Propose priorities for activities in the Work Areas and on relevant emerging issues;

(b) Provide, upon request from the parent bodies, methodologies for use in economic analysis of the sector, as well as techniques for collecting, validating, analyzing and disseminating information and statistics;

(c) Initiate, upon request from the parent bodies, ad hoc projects in economics and statistics related to forestry, forest products and forest policies and institutions;

(d) Contribute and provide technical advice to the Committee and the Commission on issues under consideration by those bodies, including the preparation of studies on the status and future of forests and on the forest industry such as the Outlooks and the Forest Products Annual Market Reviews;

(e) Inviting other sectors to the sessions to discuss issues related to forest information and management matters of common interest, including best practices in sustainable forestry management and their impact on the overall sustainability of forests, natural resources management, and other issues such as biodiversity and climate change; and

(f) Inviting other international bodies, including the International Tropical Timber Organization, the Conference of European Statisticians, Forest Europe and Eurostat, to the sessions, with a view to coordinating activities and avoiding any duplication of effort.

5. The work of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management will be assessed after the next two sessions of this body.

B. Terms of Reference of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

6. In order to support the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work, the following Teams of Specialists are established for the period 2018-2021.

Name of the Team	Contribution to the Programme of Work
Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to focus on sustainable forest management monitoring for different ECE and FAO studies and reviews, sustainable forest management assessment and work on criteria and indicators
Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products	Work Area 1 and Work Area 4: to focus on forest products and markets, market statements
Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics	Work Area 1 and Work Area 4: to support the work on statistics in the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, in order for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management to focus on its coordinating function for Team of Specialists and Work Area review
Team of Specialists on Wood Energy	Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to support the development of data and relevant advice on wood energy in the region
Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook	Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to support the development of Outlook Studies
Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (Forest Policy Network)	Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to focus on forest policies in the region and provide capacity-building
Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network)	Work Area 3 and Work Area 4: to provide advice to the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in support of relevant events, campaigns and public relations efforts, support the dissemination of results of other Teams of Specialists
Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)	Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to focus on green jobs and capacity-building activities in support of sustainable forest management

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

7. To strengthen the work on: (i) forest reporting, (ii) assessing the state of forests and sustainability of forest management and (iii) monitoring the role of the forest sector in a green economy in the region;
8. To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the implementation of activities in Work Area 1 “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, with regard to the collection, harmonization, review, analysis and dissemination of quantitative and qualitative information on forests and sustainable forest management in the region.

B. Activities and functions

9. Contribute to the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire 2020; support the data collection process, analysis of the status and trends, and the drafting and reviewing of the final report.
10. Contribute to the work on criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management agreed by Forest Europe and the Montréal Process.
11. Assist the preparatory process of the State of Europe’s Forests 2020: contribution to the reporting on quantitative indicators, analysis of information, coordination of inputs, authors’ contributions and dissemination of results.
12. Contribute to further work on the assessment of the sustainability of forest management.
13. Contribute to the work on the development of global and regional forest indicators to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030.
14. Contribute to the development of the concept and modalities for a statistical data management system on forest resources, functions and services and sustainable forest management.
15. Provide input to other Work Areas on issues relevant to data, monitoring, reporting and assessment including related capacity-building, in particular to the United Nations Development Account project on “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”.
16. Support international work and cooperation on monitoring of forest resources and sustainable forest management, including the European Union (i.e. Eurostat, the European Economic Area and the Joint Research Centre) and other organizations (i.e., the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, the International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests and the European Forest Institute) in this area.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

17. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings related to the global reporting framework – in cooperation with the FAO Forest Resources Assessment Team.
18. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings, especially those related to the activities “Further development and updating of policies and tools for sustainable forest management” and “Forest monitoring and reporting” under Forest Europe. Provide support in the organization of the workshop for authors and national correspondents in the region;

review of and, whenever possible, involvement in writing, support the drafting of report on the State of Europe's Forests. Involvement in dissemination of results.

19. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings on the development of global and regional forest indicators to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030.

20. Advice on issues relevant to the criteria & indicators processes in the region.

21. Advice on designing an improved statistical data management system on forest resources, their functions and services, and forest management.

22. Advice on the other data-related work within Work Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4, in particular related to the measurement of the forest sector contribution to a green economy and forest sector outlook studies.

D. Background

Established/ Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw,
Approved by: Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Regular Team of Specialists meetings (including steering group and thematic sub-groups meetings).

Participation in workshops with Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 national correspondents.

Reviews and consultations, in person, via videoconference and electronic means.

Review and, if feasible, preparation of background materials, discussion papers, enquiries.

Other forms of work can be determined by the Team of Specialists, if needed.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

Team leader: To be elected at the first Team meeting

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

23. To advise and support work on the sustainable development of forest products markets and related policies in the region.
24. To raise awareness on the role that sustainable forest products can play in greening economies and in providing sustainable products and livelihoods.

B. Activities and functions

25. Provide guidance and referral to the best available experts and/or sources of information for the organization of:
 - Market Discussions; and
 - Workshop(s) on all topics related to forest products including the role of forest products in a green economy, the use of wood for so-called “green buildings construction”, innovative wood products and other topics in line with the work programme.
26. Provide expertise and outreach to experts for drafting market-related publications and products, including the technical reviews contained in, and the production of, the Forest Products Annual Market Review.
27. Advise the secretariat on the organization of meetings related to the sustainable use of forest products.
28. Advise the secretariat on strategies to carry out the Programme of Work in the forest products marketing area, in particular to assist in strengthening the focus on innovative forest products and on improving knowledge on wood sustainability credentials.
29. Build links with standard/certifying organizations, as well as forest products trade associations, to promote the use of forest products as a sustainable material for construction and other uses.
30. Build linkages with non-forest bodies within the UN, including with the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management.
31. Build links, both informal and formal, with other Teams of Specialists in areas where cross-cutting issues are shared and where assistance and coordination can be mutually beneficial.
32. Build upon the work of previous capacity-building workshops and consider organizing similar events in association with regional bodies.
33. Organize an annual awareness raising workshop; subject to availability of funds.
34. Work with the secretariat to attract and enhance the involvement of the forest products industry, aiming at:
 - Holding a full day session focusing on market/industry issues;
 - Organizing industry visits; and
 - Organizing side events that involve the forest products industry sector.
35. Provide a network of expertise and advice, including on priorities.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

36. Market Discussions covering forest product market topics that are current and relevant to the region and contribute to the Market Statement.

37. Bi-annual meetings to discuss a list of recommendations on how to improve the content, structure and focus of the forest products marketing Work Area in general and the Forest Products Annual Market Review in particular (typically during the Team of Specialists meeting that is held at the time of Committee, Commission and Working Party meetings).

D. Background

Established/ Joint sessions of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw,
Approved by: Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.

Communication: The Team leader and secretary should ensure close communication and collaboration with the Teams of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and Wood Energy.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

38. To advise and support work on forest products statistics, including data coverage and collection, validation and classifications used in the region.
39. To suggest and support proposals for increasing the reliability and visibility of forest products statistics.
40. To advise on implementation of activities in Work Area 1 relating to forest products statistics.

B. Activities and functions

41. Review materials such as the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the Timber Forecast Questionnaire and associated procedures, reviewing items in forest products statistics.
42. Develop methods to expand the scope to include production and trade of secondary wood products (Engineered Wood Products, furniture, joinery) and develop methodology for data collection on these products.
43. Investigate required changes in the Harmonized System classification; prepare for the implementation of 2022 Harmonized System and future potential changes to Harmonized System.
44. Follow up on the conversion factor questionnaire and study; develop conversion factors for secondary forest products (Engineered Wood Products, joinery).
45. Assist in the development of a forest food products section in collaboration with the Collaborative Forest Reporting Questionnaire and consider framework and specifications for non-wood forest products.
46. Support publication of the roundwood balance study and continue to develop methodology.
47. Strengthen capacities in statistics through a capacity-building workshop.
48. Disseminate information on forest products statistics further through the Team of Specialists’ network.
49. Advise on issues to coordinate with other members of the Eurostat/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/ECE Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.
50. Consider improving product definitions and collect metadata (including accuracy).
51. Consider development of price portal.
52. Recommend improvements to data systems, including data capture.
53. Review ways to promote data and make it more accessible.
54. Recommend methods for improving data reliability.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

55. Recommendations for revisions to the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the Timber Forecast Questionnaire.
56. Submission of potential input for 2022 revision of Harmonized System and further revisions in later years.

57. A paper on the extent of potential double counting problem (including issue of forest/non-forest sources) and how to avoid it. Contact national data users for input.
58. Proposal for improvements for national and international practices in data validation and, if required, a working paper describing best practices.
59. A recommended procedure for estimating wood balance, including the desirable level of detail to include and conversion factors to use.
60. Contributions to studies on conversion factors, roundwood balance and double counting issue, in collaboration with other Teams.
61. Support to capacity-building workshop on statistics.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
Duration:	From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Further methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at the first Team meeting.
Communication:	The Team leader and secretariat should ensure close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products, the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy and the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Management. The Team should also seek to communicate and collaborate with other fora working in this area, and to collaborate with others (e.g. Forest Europe on criteria and indicators and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on harvested wood products).

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

62. To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and support activities in Work Areas 1 and 2 on the methodology for, the implementation of and the follow-up to the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and specific studies related to wood energy.

63. To contribute to a better understanding of wood energy statistics as a basis for sound policymaking.

B. Activities and functions

64. Monitor and analyse the policy aspects of the use of wood for energy generation and the implications for the forest sector, including carbon accounting.

65. Provide guidance on the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry data collection and analysis process including on indicators, the structure of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry questionnaire, and the review of wood energy parameters (such as heating values and conversion factors).

66. Actively disseminate the publication and key messages synthesized in first issue of “Wood Energy in the ECE region” series.

67. Coordinate and complete a second issue of “Wood Energy in the ECE region” publication series.

68. Enhance capacity of member States to develop reliable wood energy statistics through knowledge sharing and capacity-building workshops.

69. Actively cooperate and partner with other organizations involved in wood energy with the aim of sharing and improving wood energy data and information.

70. Coordinate and communicate with other Teams of Specialists on areas where there is commonalities and beneficial to share information.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

71. Release of the second issue of series “Wood Energy in the ECE region” with the most recent available data.

72. Publication of scholarly manuscripts examining longitudinal trends in the data of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and socio-economic and environmental aspects of wood energy use in ECE member States, including its contribution towards the achievement of SDGs and mitigation of climate change.

73. Revision of the list of recommendations on the methods for, analysis and conduct of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry.

74. Organization of one or two capacity-building workshops on wood energy statistics, possibly including the sharing of best practices for household surveys (to obtain data on non-commercial wood energy (such as private household use of wood energy)).

75. Improved quality and quantity of national reports to the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry.

76. Provide input to the chapter on wood energy for the Forest Products Annual Market Review.

D. Background

**Established/
Approved by:** Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.

Communication: The Team leader and secretary should ensure close communication and collaboration with the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

Reference to the *Integrated Programme of Work*: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

77. To advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the methodology, preparation and implementation of outlook studies. Serve as a repository of global, regional, subregional and national forest sector outlook studies; and facilitate exchange of knowledge.

B. Activities and functions

78. Provide support and expertise to the secretariat to conduct forest sector outlook studies in at least two of the ECE subregions.

79. Present the findings of the studies in public forums, such as scientific and professional meetings.

80. Provide guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.

81. Provide support to the secretariat for enhancing member States’ capacities on forest sector outlook studies.

82. Identify scenarios based on: structural developments in the forest sector; long-term supply and demand of wood and other goods and services; as well as impacts and implications of international and national policy developments.

83. Advise on timeline for new outlook studies and identify potential contributors and donors.

84. Undertake research in support of forest sector outlook studies.

85. Provide an overview on alternative forest sector models.

86. Inform member States and regional economic integration organizations regularly about the status of ongoing outlook studies and the next steps of the process.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

87. Publication of North America Forest Sector Outlook study and Europe Forest Sector Outlook Study, and possibly a Russian Forest Sector Outlook study, by 2019, subject to availability of funds.

88. Provide national level results of outlook studies, if resources are made available.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
Duration:	From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting or other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (Forest Policy Network)

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 2 “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4 “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

89. To contribute to the implementation of tools to support sound policy in the forest sector in the region.
90. To build capacity to support sound policies in the forest sector in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

B. Activities and functions

91. Advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on:
 - The collection, review, and dissemination of information on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the region; and
 - The contribution to policy dialogues at the regional and national level (including National Forest Policy Dialogues).
92. Contribute to strengthen policy-related components of ECE and FAO studies.
93. Contribute to the implantation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, including by taking part in exchange of experience and lessons learned and providing technical advice and input especially to the odd-year sessions of the Forum (workshops, submissions to the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat).
94. Contribute to achieving a balanced approach to the development of a bioeconomy and nature protection/conservation of biodiversity (study, linkage to outlooks).
95. Strengthen capacity-building and experience exchange, best practices and mechanisms to help in tackling national challenges, and promote communication and information exchange associated with implementation of international agreements (e.g. 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Aichi Targets, the Paris Agreement, the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy).
96. Contribute to the dissemination of information in support of decision making processes with regards to international forest policy developments (creation of policy briefs, sharing of informative materials).
97. Provide national experts with case studies, trainers and content for capacity-building activities.
98. Provide ad-hoc studies on request by countries.
99. Contribute to the work of other Teams of Specialists and build cooperation in this regard.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

100. Contribution to the experience exchange on forest policies implementation and development (to be developed in close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Europe) with a view to:

- (a) Contribution to the organization of national/regional policy dialogues (themes, speakers, etc.) and provide recommendations on the further development of national forest policy dialogues (contents, methods, etc.); and
- (b) Policy briefs.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
Duration:	From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting or other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network)

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 3, "Communication and outreach" and Work Area 4, "Capacity-building"

A. Objectives

101. To improve the ability of the forest sector to communicate effectively within and outside the sector on the role of forests in sustainable development.
102. To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and support communication activities in all Work Areas.

B. Activities and functions

103. The Team of Specialists provides advice in the communication field to benefit the forest community by:

- (a) Supporting forest-related ECE/FAO intergovernmental bodies in reaching out to relevant constituencies, within and outside the forest sector;
- (b) Providing a forum for international interaction and cooperation in forest related communications;
- (c) Developing the professionalism of forest communicators by introducing and encouraging state of the art and innovative communication approaches, strengthening networking and supporting capacities in the region;
- (d) Providing advice for communication activities around the International Day of Forests and European Forest Weeks, upon request by the organizers;
- (e) Raising awareness of the significance of forests and sustainable forest management in achieving the SDGs;
- (f) Contribution to the communication and outreach strategies of ECE, FAO and the United Nations Forum on Forests, in support of the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, in particular its communication and outreach strategy;
- (g) Conducting a survey among forest communicators on current trends and the latest developments and communication challenges in the sector;
- (h) Sharing information and experience with forest communicators' networks established by FAO in other regions;
- (i) Supporting capacity-building activities in cooperation with all other Teams of Specialists, as appropriate;
- (j) Providing advice for communication campaigns and strategies to communicate outputs of other Teams of Specialists to a target audience, upon request by the respective Team of Specialists;
- (k) Developing further approaches and tools for educational work on forests by continued involvement of the Forest Pedagogics Group;
- (l) Cooperating with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit and other relevant institutions, organizations, processes and initiatives, on matters relevant to forest communication;
- (m) Identifying other communication work of relevance to forests as well as information-sharing platforms developed by civil society; and
- (n) Developing a proposal for a possible survey on the public perception of forests and the forest sector in the ECE Region for submission to potential donors.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

104. An annual proposal for communication activities and messages for each International Day of Forests.
105. Proposals for communication activities around the European Forest Weeks, as appropriate.
106. Proposals for highlighting the significance of forests and sustainable forest management for achieving the SDGs.
107. Contributions to the development and implementation of the communication and outreach strategies of ECE, FAO and the United Nations Forum on Forests in support of the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030.
108. A report on communication challenges for the forest sector, based on a survey conducted among forest communicators by the end of 2018.
109. A revised version of the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe by the end of 2019.
110. An information note on activities carried out with the other regional communicators' networks with a focus on global interconnection and outreach – to be included in the annual Team activities' report.

D. Background

- Established/** Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw,
Approved by: Poland, 2017.
- Duration:** From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
- Methods of work:** Networking, meetings, workshops, advice on forest communication related issues, including for awareness campaigns.
- Reporting:** Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
- Team leader:** To be elected at first Team meeting.
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ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 2 “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

- 111. To contribute to the improvement of working conditions and the development of Green Jobs in the forest sector.
- 112. To advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and member States and regional economic integration organizations on employment-related issues such as needed competencies including education and training for the forest sector in the context of a green economy.
- 113. To review forest sector workforce issues at policy, management and operational level, in order to recommend priorities and communicate their importance.

B. Activities and functions

- 114. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders (e.g. the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Forest Europe) on a joint definition of Green Jobs in the forest sector.
- 115. Identify and describe forest workforce-related trends and developments (trend monitoring) and analyse the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with the sustainability of this workforce.
- 116. Analyse the green jobs potential as well as the green jobs curricula in the forest sector, define the needed competencies as a basis for education and training for adopted regional policies and provide support for the implementation of these policies at all levels.
- 117. Improve the monitoring and analysis of the forest sector workforce including those involved with new green forest jobs while taking into account occupational health and safety.
- 118. Develop recommendations for the consideration of member States on preventive and remedial actions in order to ensure the sustainability of the forest workforce, including ways to attract young people to work in the forest sector and to improve the gender balance.
- 119. Advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the organization of meetings and workshops related to forest workforce issues in the context of a green economy.
- 120. Identify present and future skill requirements for forestry professionals, map and describe forest jobs and related education curricula in collaboration with other relevant organizations.
- 121. Contribute to development and sharing of best practice for environmentally efficient, productive, safe and sustainable forest operations.
- 122. Monitor and analyse at the policy level the impact of green economy policy on employment in the forest sector, possibly with a cross-sectoral approach.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

123. Periodic qualitative and quantitative surveys of major trends and challenges associated with the sustainable forest workforce and green jobs in support of existing reporting activities in the forest sector.

124. Trend scenario workshops on the future forest workforce, for instance in collaboration with the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook.

125. Policy briefs outlining rationales for choosing particular workforce policy strategies.

126. Reviews and recommendations addressing main forest sector workforce issues.

D. Background

**Established/
Approved by:** Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

**Methods of
work:** Annual Team meeting, scenario trend workshops, online surveys (national contact points), and other appropriate methods to be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.

IV. Guidelines for ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

A. Introduction

127. These draft guidelines were adopted by “Las2017”, the joint session of the Committee and the Commission, held from 9 to 13 October 2017 in Warsaw, Poland. The guidelines shall apply to the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists, which contribute to the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work.

128. These draft guidelines are in line with, and are complementary to, the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Teams of Specialists within ECE as contained in document ECE/EX/2/Rev.1.

B. Role of the Teams of Specialists

129. The ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists are recommended by the Committee and the Commission and established by the ECE Executive Committee to support the work of the Integrated Programme of Work for an initial period of two years, which can be extended, after review every two years, for as long as required. The Committee and the Commission approve the Terms of Reference for all Teams of Specialists at their joint session.

130. The primary role of the Teams of Specialists is to support the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work as expressed in their respective Terms of Reference. All Teams of Specialists report annually to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party of Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, which gives them guidance and evaluates their work based on their Terms of Reference and Work Plan. In addition, the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management provides recommendations to the Committee and the Commission for updating the Terms of Reference of the Teams of Specialists and for their extension or discontinuation.

131. The Teams of Specialists should contribute to the mainstreaming and dissemination of the work of the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section at national and sub-national levels, as well as into the agendas of other regional and global organizations. They are also expected to contribute to the Forest Information Billboard.

C. Membership and Officers

132. For each Team of Specialists, the secretariat circulates the Terms of Reference to Committee/Commission members and all relevant stakeholders in the region and asks them to nominate their official representative, should they wish to participate in the Team activities. Member States and stakeholders are expected to nominate their representative to a Team based on their interest in the issues covered by this Team and their capacity to support the participation of their representative in the Team's work. On the basis of the answers received, the secretariat prepares a list of Team members and establishes the Team. The request for nomination may be repeated at the end of the first two-year duration or at the beginning of the next Integrated Programme of Work, as appropriate. When member States and stakeholders wish to nominate another or an additional representative to a Team, they notify this proposal to the secretariat, which informs the Team at its next meeting.

133. Experts without official affiliation can also contribute to the Team work at the invitation of the Team leader, in close consultation with the secretariat. To the extent possible, due consideration should be given to ensuring geographical and gender balance.

134. Each Team of Specialists appoints its officers for a duration of two years: a leader and, if deemed necessary, one or two deputy leaders. After one term of two years, one of the deputy leaders is usually appointed leader. When the Team appoints two deputy leaders, to ensure adequate continuity, the outgoing leader is usually re-appointed as deputy leader. Under special circumstances (e.g. absence of candidates), leader and deputy leaders can be re-appointed if the Team wishes to do so. Candidates for the office of leader should obtain the relevant authorization and secure the necessary resources (time and funding), from their government or organization, to fulfil their responsibilities during their elected terms.

D. Role of the Team leaders and Team members

135. With the assistance of and in close cooperation with the secretariat, the leader's responsibilities are to:

- (a) Ensure that the Team's Terms of Reference are applied and lead the Team;
- (b) Conduct the Team meetings and draft meeting reports, in consultation with participants of the meetings;
- (c) Coordinate the preparation of the work plan;
- (d) Coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the work plan, including by raising funds, where appropriate;
- (e) Coordinate the preparation and presentation of annual implementation reports at the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management; and
- (f) Organize and attend meetings of the leaders of the Teams of Specialists.

136. When the leader is not able to attend a Team meeting or to represent the Team at a parent body meeting, the leader makes sure that one of the deputy leaders can replace him/her. In addition, deputy leaders may assist the leader with certain tasks such as preparing the work plan or reports, making contacts or fund raising.

137. Team members are expected to actively participate in the Team activities by:

- (a) Attending the Team meetings;
- (b) Contributing to the work between the Team meetings;
- (c) Answering enquiries from the leader or the secretariat; and
- (d) Relaying information on the Team's work at the national and subnational level.

E. Methods of Work

138. Under the guidance of the leader and with the support of the secretariat, the Team prepares its work plan for a two year period defining, for each activity from its Terms of Reference, the time schedule and the resources needed, including those resulting from fund raising. Teams can create task-oriented groups for a limited period of time (e.g. to advise for the organization of an event or the preparation of a publication). Teams are expected to be self-sustaining and regular budget funds will not be available to support the Teams. Teams use the work plan format and the report template that are provided by the secretariat.

139. Team meetings are convened by the secretariat in Geneva or any other place where the meetings can be hosted by a member State or a partner organization. Each Team should meet at least once a year for one day or have several shorter online meetings. Teams of Specialists should consider meeting on the margins of, or back-to-back to, meetings where members of the Team participate. It is suggested to utilize electronic means (e-mail, Skype or Webex meetings, etc.) when appropriate. The working language of Teams of Specialists is English. In general, no interpretation will be provided. More detailed methods of work may be developed by the Team.

140. The only websites of each Team of Specialists is the one hosted by the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section (www.unece.org) and/or FAO (www.fao.org). All relevant information on Team of Specialists meetings (agenda, presentations, meeting report, list of participants, pictures, etc.) must be made available to the secretariat for posting on the website.

141. The Team leader, deputies or any other member of the Team need to ask permission to the secretariat of the Committee and the Commission for using ECE and FAO logos.

142. Teams are encouraged to seek assistance from other Teams of Specialists especially for cross-sectoral activities that are mentioned in their Terms of Reference.

F. Role of the secretariat

143. In close cooperation with the Team leader, the secretariat is responsible for:

- (a) Contacting member States and other relevant stakeholders, including for the nomination of Team members, for updating of the lists of Team members and issuing meeting invitations;
- (b) Assisting in the scheduling of meetings and other activities, in consultation with the Team;
- (c) Providing technical means and innovative solutions to facilitate cost-effective meetings and possibility for remote access to meetings for members who cannot attend the meeting personally;
- (d) Providing guidance in fulfilling the Terms of Reference;
- (e) Facilitating the meetings and assisting the leader in preparing the meeting reports, by taking notes and drafting the main conclusions and next steps;
- (f) Cooperating with the leader in preparing the reports on the Team's accomplishments; and
- (g) Uploading any relevant documentation to the Team website before and after the meetings and disseminating information on the Team's activities.

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Annex II

Annex to the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

I. Terms of Reference of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

1. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, as a Sectoral Committee of ECE, constitutes a forum for cooperation and consultation among its member States. Its objective is to strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the region, through monitoring, analysis, capacity-building and the provision of a forum for discussion, taking into account the changing policy environment, notably as regards climate change and bioenergy. The Committee focuses on the sound and legal use of forest products, for raw material or energy, and on forest services.

2. The Committee shall, within the context of sustainable development, provide member States with the information and services which they need for policy- and decision-making as regards their forest and forest industry sector ("the sector"), including the trade and use of forest products and, when appropriate, formulate recommendations addressed to member Governments and interested organizations. To this end, it shall:

(a) With the active participation of member States, undertake short-, medium- and long-term analyses of developments in, and having an impact on, the sector, including those offering possibilities for the facilitation of international trade and for enhancing the protection of the environment;

(b) In support of these analyses, collect, store and disseminate statistics and other information relating to the sector, and carry out activities to improve their quality and comparability;

(c) Provide a framework for cooperation, e.g. by organizing seminars, workshops and ad hoc meetings and setting up time-limited Teams of Specialists, for the exchange of economic, environmental and technical information between Governments and other institutions of member States that is needed for the development and implementation of policies leading to the sustainable development of the sector and to the protection of the environment in their respective States;

(d) Carry out tasks identified by ECE or the Committee as being of priority, including the facilitation of subregional cooperation and activities in support of the economies of eastern Europe, the Caucasus and central Asia and the Mediterranean region; and

(e) It should also keep under review its structure and priorities and cooperate with other international and intergovernmental organizations active in the sector, and in particular with the FAO and its Commission, ILO and with Forest Europe, in order to ensure complementarity and to avoid duplication, thereby optimizing the use of resources. Its work programme is fully integrated with that of the Commission.

3. The Integrated Programme of Work of the Committee and the Commission has four Work Areas:

- Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment;
- Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice;
- Work Area 3: Communication and outreach; and
- Work Area 4: Capacity-building.

II. Mandate of the FAO European Forestry Commission

Name	<u>European Forestry Commission</u> (FO-726) (1) (Article VI-1 of the Constitution)		
Origin	Established by the Conference at its Third Session (1947) on the recommendation of the FAO Mariánské Lázně (former Czechoslovakia) Forestry Conference in 1947.		
Purpose	To advise on the formulation of forest policy and to review and coordinate its implementation at the regional level; to exchange information and, generally through special subsidiary bodies, advise on suitable practices and action with regard to technical and economic problems, and make appropriate recommendations in relation to the foregoing.		
First Session	July 1948		
Membership	Open to all Member Nations and Associate Members whose territories are situated wholly or in part in the European Region or who are responsible for the international relations of any non-self-governing territories in that region. Membership comprises such eligible Nations that have notified the Director-General of their desire to be considered as members.		
Present membership	Albania Austria Belarus Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia European Community Finland France Germany	Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Israel Italy Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania	Russian Federation Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Turkey Ukraine United Kingdom Uzbekistan

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Annex III

Forest Products Market Statement

I. Overview of forest products markets in 2016 and 2017

1. The general condition of forest product markets in the ECE region improved in 2016, with all major subsectors (industrial roundwood, sawnwood, wood-based panels, and paper and paperboard) showing higher consumption levels and growth rates. This growth has continued in 2017.

2. There were slight contractions in the consumption of wood-based panels in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) (-0.6 per cent) and of paper and paperboard in North America, but these were offset by gains in those subsectors in the other subregions. The aggregated year-on-year growth rates in consumption in the ECE region in 2016 ranged from 0.9 per cent (for paper and paperboard) to 4.0 per cent (for sawnwood) (table 1), with differences between subregions.

TABLE 1
*Apparent consumption of industrial roundwood, sawnwood, wood-based panels,
and paper and paperboard in ECE region, 2012-2016*

		Million	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change (volume) 2015- 2016	Change (%) 2015- 2016	Change (%) 2012- 2016
Europe										
Industrial roundwood	m ³		375.7	381.8	394.7	401.1	407.1	6.0	1.5	8.4
Sawnwood	m ³		97.0	96.9	101.4	104.2	107.0	2.8	2.7	10.2
Wood-based panels	m ³		64.7	66.3	68.1	70.7	72.5	1.9	2.7	12.2
Paper and paperboard	m.t.		90.9	89.6	89.8	89.2	90.3	1.1	1.2	-0.6
CIS										
Industrial roundwood	m ³		173.7	175.1	182.4	185.0	192.0	7.1	3.8	10.6
Sawnwood	m ³		19.7	20.4	19.2	17.8	18.1	0.2	1.4	-8.3
Wood-based panels	m ³		17.7	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.5	-0.1	-0.6	-1.4
Paper and paperboard	m.t.		9.4	9.4	9.4	9.1	9.6	0.5	5.6	2.7
North America										
Industrial roundwood	m ³		481.2	486.8	490.2	494.2	501.5	7.3	1.5	4.2
Sawnwood	m ³		95.5	101.1	106.3	112.6	119.0	6.4	5.7	24.7
Wood-based panels	m ³		46.4	48.0	49.9	52.0	53.8	1.8	3.4	15.9
Paper and paperboard	m.t.		77.1	75.0	76.1	75.7	75.6	-0.1	-0.1	-1.9
ECE region										
Industrial roundwood	m ³		1030.5	1043.6	1067.3	1080.3	1100.7	20.3	1.9	6.8
Sawnwood	m ³		212.2	218.3	226.9	234.6	244.1	9.5	4.0	15.0
Wood-based panels	m ³		128.8	132.1	135.5	140.2	143.8	3.5	2.5	11.7
Paper and paperboard	m.t.		177.3	173.9	175.3	173.9	175.5	1.6	0.9	-1.0

Source: ECE/FAO TIMBER database, 2017.

A. Economic developments with implications on the forest sector

3. Amid a global recovery, overall economic trends were positive in the ECE region in 2016. Although significant country differences persisted, the pace of expansion was sustained and became more synchronized. In 2016, there was steady growth in Gross domestic product (GDP) in the United States of America (US). However, the appreciation of the US dollar had a negative impact on net exports. In contrast, the euro area showed signs of increased dynamism, driven by the lagged effects of euro depreciation, relatively low oil prices, and a policy mix that has become more conducive to growth.

4. A heavy political calendar and the decision by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) to leave the European Union (EU) did not derail the growing confidence. In the new EU member countries, an economic slowdown was temporary and related to the pattern of disbursement of EU funds, following years of very strong activity. After the output contraction in 2015, growth started returning to the CIS as oil prices bottomed out and the macro-economic framework became less volatile.

5. In the US, unemployment declined further and the rapid pace of job creation continued into early 2017. Wages have been growing more slowly than employment in the post-crisis period, but improvements in the labour market have eventually translated into moderately rising wages. In the euro area, employment creation accelerated significantly, but unemployment is still high in some European countries, in particular for the young and the low-skilled. Job creation was supported by limited wage increases and, in some countries, by labour market reforms.

6. Overall, the recovery of the labour market remained uneven and was characterized by growing job polarization and precarious forms of unemployment in some countries. Labour

market dynamics were relatively resilient in the CIS, despite weak output trends. A sharp adjustment of real wages, combined with underemployment, prevented unemployment figures from climbing higher.

7. Lending to households and non-financial corporations continued to grow in the euro area, amid declining interest rates and a reduction in financial fragmentation. The banking sector has increased its capacity to support the recovery, but country fragilities remain. In the CIS, on the other hand, poor economic performance and the impact of past currency depreciations have constrained lending, although the worst is now behind.

8. In some advanced economies, the extended period of low financing costs has led to rapid growth in asset prices, including housing. Relatively weak demand continued to dampen overall investment in the euro area, but rising incomes and low mortgage rates have supported a more dynamic housing sector, with increases in construction output and house prices. Much faster price increases have been observed in other European countries and the US.

9. Following a rapid expansion, gross residential fixed investment slowed in the US. On the other hand, such investment picked up in many European countries. After returning to growth in 2015, construction investment accelerated further in the euro area in 2016. In contrast, construction contracted sharply in the new EU member countries, resulting in a slowdown in the EU as a whole.

10. Rising but still moderate inflation, prompted by growing demand and higher energy prices, led the US Federal Reserve to hike interest rates in 2016 and early 2017. Additional rate increases are expected, but a rapid tightening of monetary policy is unlikely because price pressures remain moderate. A very loose monetary policy continued in the euro area, but deflation is no longer a concern there and, given the improved economic prospects, the monetary authorities have signalled a change in tone.

11. The appreciation of the US dollar versus the euro in late 2016 was reversed in the first half of 2017 as the European recovery firmed and expectations of monetary policy divergence receded (graph 1). Inflation declined in the CIS as the impact of past currency depreciations wore off, exchange rates recovered and demand remained weak. This allowed monetary authorities to cut interest rates gradually.

12. Fiscal policy was broadly neutral in the US in 2016 but some loosening is anticipated, which would be delivered through a combination of increased spending and lower taxes. In the euro area, improved economic performance and very low interest rates supported public finances amid a broadly neutral fiscal policy stance. In contrast, fiscal consolidation was widespread in the CIS. Energy producers, including those that started the downturn with significant buffers, have undertaken measures to put public finances on a sustainable path.

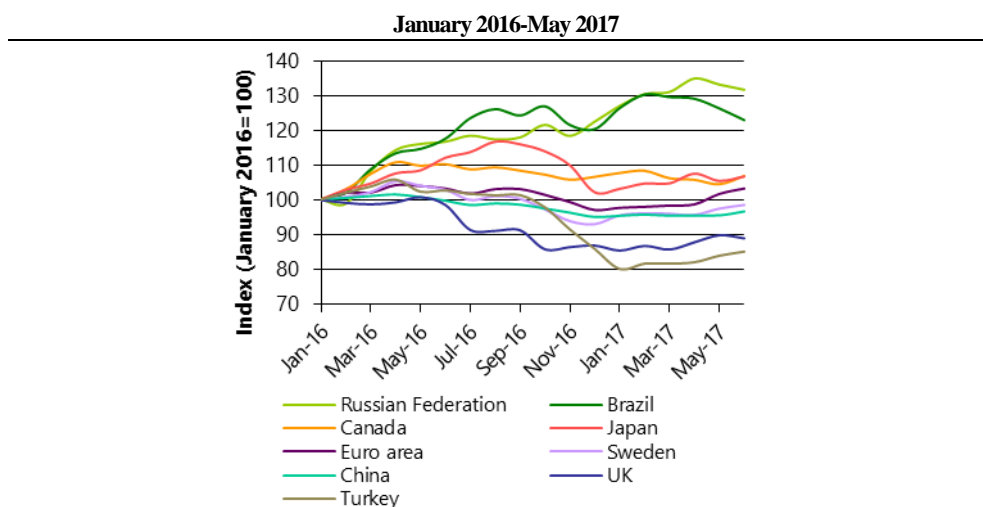
13. The economic outlook in the region remains positive. Although the US economy underwent a soft patch in early 2017, growth is projected to accelerate. The recovery appears well entrenched in the euro area, but persistent fragilities remain in some countries.

14. Increased investment will again be a major driver of economic activity in the newer EU member countries in the new EU funding cycle. The expansion is likely to be modest in the CIS, amid continued downside risks. Energy-exporting countries are facing the reality of protracted low energy prices and the need to search for new engines of growth.

15. Although economic performance is expected to remain favourable, certain risks and challenges cloud the horizon. Low levels of investment in the post-crisis period have contributed to the sluggish productivity growth observed across the ECE region, limiting economic potential. The expected gradual normalization of monetary policies may expose hidden vulnerabilities in financial sectors.

GRAPH 1

Major currencies used to trade forest products indexed against the US dollar



Source: IMF, 2017.

Note: A diminishing index value indicates a weakening of the currency value against the US dollar; an increasing index value indicates a strengthening of the currency value against the US dollar.

B. Policy and regulatory developments affecting the forest products sector

16. Governmental and non-governmental actions continue to have significant impacts on forests and forest product markets. Continued trade negotiations and recent policy actions have created uncertainty for trade in forest products. New challenges and opportunities are arising in many areas of forest policy and environmental programmes.

17. A referendum was held in the UK on 23 June 2016 in which a majority of voters voted to leave the EU. As a result, the UK government activated Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, the official mechanism for withdrawing from the EU, on 29 March 2017, in a process generally referred to as Brexit. If no agreement is reached within two years and no extension is agreed, the UK will leave the EU automatically, and all existing agreements – including access to the single market – will cease to apply to the UK from 29 March 2019.

18. In North America, the Softwood Lumber Agreement between Canada and the US expired on 12 October 2015. In April 2017, the US government announced tariffs of 3-24 per cent on imported lumber from Canada, in addition to an anti-dumping duty.

19. There are significant areas of forest with multiple certificates (16 per cent of certified forests globally). The Forest Stewardship Council and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification have committed to reporting estimates of these overlaps annually to help improve data accuracy. Similar transparency in the reporting of market and trade activities is also needed to provide reliable estimates of the economic impacts of certified wood products.

20. The Paris Agreement on climate change, which aims to accelerate action to mitigate climate change, entered into force on 4 November 2016. As of 10 October 2017, 168 countries had ratified the agreement, although the US has indicated an intention to withdraw. The EU and its member countries have committed to a binding minimum target of a 40 per cent domestic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2030, as well as to renewable energy and energy-efficiency targets.

21. To continue efforts to combat illegal logging, the European Commission reported on 22 February 2017 that 27 EU member countries had complied with obligations in the EU Timber Regulation to appoint competent authorities, establish penalties for non-conformance, and start carrying out checks of operator compliance. The Russian Federation is also improving measures to reduce illegal logging. From July 2017 the Unified Federal

Automated Information System (EGAIS) tracks domestic and foreign transport and trade of sawnwood.

22. There is continued policy action and growing interest in innovations in tall wood buildings. The US Green Building Council reported that 84 projects have registered to use the new pilot credit in the LEED green-building programme designed to address illegal wood and promote the use of verified-legal, responsible and certified wood in buildings.

23. There are increasing organizational commitments to combating deforestation. The principal aim of the New York Declaration on Forests, which was released at the UN Climate Summit in September 2014, is to halve natural forest loss by 2020 and end it by 2030. In September 2016, the Declaration had 190 endorsers comprising 40 governments, 20 subnational governments, fifty-seven multinational companies, sixteen groups representing indigenous communities, and 57 non-governmental organizations.

24. Significant and diverse opportunities exist for forests and forest products to provide environmental and societal benefits. In order to fully realize these goods and services, however, requires a supportive political and economic environment.

C. Forest product trade barriers affecting the ECE region

25. Member States account for more than 60 per cent of the world trade in forest products. The region's share of world forest product exports has decreased steadily in the last decade however, losing market share to emerging economies.

26. Tariff and non-tariff measures restrict trade. In 2016, the cross-border trade in primary products (excluding roundwood) in the three ECE subregions, as measured by the share of imports in total consumption, ranged from 16 per cent (for paper and paperboard from North America) to 62 per cent (for paper and paperboard in Europe). The share of roundwood imports in total consumption was lower, ranging from negligible in the CIS to 13 per cent in Europe.

27. Overall, furniture, secondary products and panels have higher tariffs because they are seen as making bigger contributions to domestic economies through value-added processing and employment; roundwood, pulp and sawnwood have among the lowest tariffs.

28. The softwood lumber dispute between Canada and the US is probably the most visible trade-related dispute over forest products in the ECE region. One of the biggest elements in the allegation by the US Department of Commerce, and a basis for subsidy rates, is the issue of log export restrictions on Canada's government-owned forestlands countrywide, and notably on private lands in British Columbia.

29. The most noteworthy recent example of an export tariff related to forest products was in July 2007, when the Russian Federation raised its export tariff on roundwood exports from 6.5 per cent to 20 per cent, followed by an increase to 25 per cent in April 2008, a measure designed to stimulate domestic processing. The net result of the export tax was a steep reduction in Russian log exports, with importers – namely China and Finland – having to look for alternate sources of logs.

30. Before the Russian Federation became a member of the World Trade Organization in 2012, it agreed to allow the tax to fall progressively to less than 10 per cent. The Russian Federation then implemented a tariff-related, species-specific quota system, which has trigger points beyond which exports attract higher tariffs. In Canada, British Columbia also has an export fee ("fee in lieu of manufacture"), whereby exporters who have permission to export must pay a fee based on the difference between domestic and export values. Currently, more than five other countries in the ECE region have introduced trade restrictions on log exports.

31. Non-tariff measures are generally defined as policy measures other than ordinary customs tariffs that can potentially have an economic effect on international trade by changing the quantities of goods traded, or their prices, or both. Non-tariff measures are prevalent among forest products because pathogens can easily be transported across borders;

governments and consumers do not want to contribute to deforestation and illegal logging; and the protection of rural livelihoods often has a high policy profile.

32. In the ECE region, log export restrictions are perhaps the most discussed and debated of all trade measures. They are widely used within and outside the region, including by key trading partners of member States. The three biggest roundwood producers in the ECE region (Canada, the Russian Federation and the US) have log export restrictions; together, these countries account for about two-thirds of the region's industrial roundwood harvest.

33. The cross-border trade of forest products is increasing. Tariffs are not particularly high in the ECE region for forest products originating in the region, but non-tariff measures are becoming increasingly important. Many are put in place for environmental reasons and to address legality, and others are used to protect domestic industries.

II. Summary of regional and subregional markets for key forest products

A. Wood raw materials

34. The total consumption of roundwood – comprising logs for industrial uses and fuel – in the ECE region was estimated at 1.3 billion m³ in 2016, an increase of 1.7 per cent from 2015 and the fourth consecutive year of growth. The apparent consumption of logs for industrial purposes has trended upward in the past five years, reaching 1.1 billion m³ in 2016, a 1.9 per cent increase over 2015 and 6.8 per cent higher than in 2012. Woodfuel consumption increased by 1.0 million m³ in 2016, to 204.0 million m³.

35. Of the total roundwood harvested in the ECE region in 2016, about 15 per cent was used for fuel (204.0 million m³), a share that was unchanged from 2012. Europe accounted for almost 57 per cent of total woodfuel consumption in the ECE region in 2016. Estimates of roundwood volumes removed from forests for fuel are highly unreliable because few countries have consistent methods for collecting relevant data on this increasingly important end use; nevertheless, it is clear that a fairly large share of forest removals is used for energy purposes.

36. The ECE region is a net exporter of both softwood and hardwood logs, with total net exports of 24.1 million m³ in 2016. The biggest shipments from countries in the ECE region were from the Russian Federation to China and Finland and from the US to Canada and China.

37. Sawlog costs for lumber producers declined faster in the past few years in Europe than in most other world regions. In Europe and the Russian Federation coniferous sawlog prices stabilized or increased in 2016-2017.

38. Sawlog prices have been relatively flat in the southern states of the US but have almost doubled in the western US since the lows of 2009. The biggest price increases (in local currency) in North America have been in western Canada, where average sawlog prices were 21 per cent higher in early 2017 than in the three previous years and 56 per cent higher than in early 2012. Sawlog values have trended slowly downward in eastern Canada.

39. Softwood-fibre costs have declined for pulp mills worldwide since 2011, and this trend continued in 2016 and early 2017.

40. The Committee and the Commission forecasts that removals of industrial roundwood are expected to increase in the ECE region at an annual rate of 1.7 per cent in 2017 and 0.8 per cent in 2018. The subregional breakdown is as follows: Europe showing an increase of 1.8 per cent in 2017 and a rise of 0.5 per cent in 2018; CIS is expected to increase 2.2 per cent in 2017 and then 2.1 per cent in 2018; and North America to increase 1.5 per cent in 2017 and then 0.5 per cent in 2018.

B. Sawn softwood

41. In 2016, for the first time in about a decade, all the major sawn-softwood producing and consuming regions recorded increased demand and production. Total apparent consumption in the ECE region was 208.4 million m³, up by 4.8 per cent over 2015. The recovery in North America continued for the seventh consecutive year, with sawn softwood consumption increasing by 8 per cent in 2016. Sawn softwood consumption was up by 2.5 per cent in Europe, and the stabilization of economic conditions in the CIS enabled an increase in consumption of 0.9 per cent.

42. Sawn softwood production increased in North America by 4.7 per cent (+6.2 per cent in Canada and +3.4 per cent in the US) in 2016, in Europe by 2.7 per cent and in the CIS by 6.7 per cent. Total sawn softwood production in the ECE region was 250.4 million m³ in 2016, up by 4.1 per cent compared with 2015.

43. European sawn softwood exports increased by 3.8 per cent (at a total volume of 49.5 million m³) in 2016, compared with only a 1.0 per cent gain in 2015. This increase is remarkable given that exports decreased by 10 per cent to North Africa and by 7 per cent to the Middle East. European sawn softwood exporters gained in other key markets, including China (+37 per cent), Japan (+15 per cent) and the US (+31 per cent, albeit from a small base).

44. Sawn softwood production in the Russian Federation increased by 6.7 per cent in 2016, to 34.3 million m³, and Russian sawn softwood exports increased by 7.9 per cent, to 24.9 million m³. These figures are in the process of being revised upwards.

45. US housing starts increased by 5.6 per cent in 2016, to 1.17 million units, and are expected to increase again in 2017, to about 1.25 million units.

46. There were no export duties on Canadian lumber exports to the US in 2016, and Canadian exports soared by 13.5 per cent. US sawnwood prices (in US dollars) gained 4 per cent in 2016 and were higher by 19 per cent in the first half of 2017. The US introduced countervailing export duties of 19.9 per cent on Canadian exports of sawn softwood to the US in late April 2017, and antidumping duties of 6.9 per cent were initiated in late June 2017. This was the main reason for higher sawnwood prices in the first half of 2017, although market conditions were also very good.

47. The countervailing and antidumping duties on Canadian lumber are preliminary, and final duties will be announced in early January 2018. The duties will change global sawnwood trade; with fewer Canadian exports to the US (and more European exports to the US), meaning more offshore exports from Canada, especially to Asia.

48. The Committee and the Commission forecasts that production of sawn softwood will increase in the ECE region at an annual rate of 2.2 per cent in 2017 and 0.6 per cent in 2018. The subregional breakdown is as follows: Europe with a gain of 2.2 per cent in 2017 and 0.7 per cent in 2018; CIS is expected to increase 4.3 per cent in 2017 and another 2.9 per cent in 2018; and North America will gain 1.6 per cent in 2017 and decline -0.4 per cent in 2018.

C. Sawn hardwood

49. After five years of growth, the apparent consumption of sawn hardwood decreased by 1.2 per cent in the ECE region in 2016, to 35.4 million m³. Falling consumption in North America in 2016 was offset only partly by a slight rise in consumption in Europe and the CIS.

50. Sawn hardwood production was flat in the ECE region in 2016, at 41.2 million m³. Production was stable in Europe, and a fall in North America was offset by an increase in the CIS.

51. After two years of growth, sawn hardwood imports decreased by 0.6 per cent in the ECE region in 2016, to 6.5 million m³. Countries in the ECE region exported 12.3 million m³ of sawn hardwood in 2016, up by 3.4 per cent compared with 2015.

52. There has been strong demand for European oak, including demand from China. Prices increased for European oak in 2016 and the first half of 2017. This was driven by the relative weakness of the euro against the dollar, which encouraged exports from Europe and increased prices for imported American oak.

53. Russian hardwood regulations led to a 6 per cent increase in sawn hardwood exports from the Russian Federation in 2016, to 1.46 million m³. Exports to China were 1.27 million m³, an increase of 9 per cent over 2015. This was the largest quantity of Russian sawn hardwood ever shipped to China.

54. China accounted for 51 per cent of US sawn hardwood exports in 2016, Canada for 13 per cent, Southeast Asia for 12 per cent, Europe for 9 per cent and Mexico for 8 per cent. The US imported 356,000 m³ of sawn hardwood from Canada in 2016, down by 2 per cent compared with 2015. Canada imported 521,000 m³ of sawn hardwood from the US in 2016, down by 0.7 per cent.

55. The Committee and the Commission forecasts that production of sawn hardwood will decline in the ECE region at an annual rate of -0.3 per cent in 2017 and then rise slightly by 0.6 per cent in 2018. The subregional breakdown is as follows: Europe is expected to gain 0.2 per cent in 2017 and 0.5 per cent in 2018; CIS increases 2.7 per cent in 2017 and 2.8 per cent in 2018; and North America with an expected decrease of 1.0 per cent in 2017 and an increase of 0.3 per cent in 2018.

D. Wood-based panels

56. Trends in the production and consumption of wood-based panels were mixed in 2016, although they generally showed continued growth across the ECE region.

57. Growth in the production and consumption of wood-based panels in Europe was somewhat slower in 2016 than in 2015. Both the plywood and oriented strand board (OSB) subsectors rebounded strongly, with production increasing by 5.3 per cent and 9.6 per cent, respectively. Particle board production was stagnant for the second consecutive year, increasing by just 0.5 per cent in 2016.

58. The production of wood-based panels increased by 8.4 per cent in the CIS in 2016, with an even stronger increase in exports. The resultant apparent consumption of wood-based panels in the CIS subregion decreased slightly (-0.6 per cent) in 2016 compared with 2015. There were large production increases in the OSB (+32 per cent) and fibreboard (+12.2 per cent) subsectors in the CIS as new plants continued to expand production and exports began to take off.

59. The market for wood-based panels in North America increased by 3.4 per cent in 2016 (the same rate as in 2015). Wood-based panel production was mixed in the subregion, with particle board production declining by 2.2 per cent and plywood and fibreboard remaining stable (at +1.6 per cent and +0.3 per cent, respectively). In contrast, OSB production in North America jumped by 7.5 per cent in 2016.

60. In all three subregions, the trade (both imports and exports) of wood-based panels increased in 2016. Europe had a slight trade surplus; the CIS has a substantial trade surplus; and North America has a substantial trade deficit, notably the result of US imports of plywood from China, which now account for about half of all plywood imports into the US.

61. The Committee and the Commission forecasts that production of wood-based panels will increase in the ECE region at an annual rate of 0.9 per cent in 2017 and by 1.3 per cent in 2018. The subregional breakdown is as follows: Europe will grow 0.5 per cent in 2017 and 1.3 per cent in 2018; CIS should increase by 3.1 per cent in 2017 and 4.3 per cent in 2018; and North America is forecast to grow 1.2 per cent in 2017 and 1.4 per cent in 2018.

E. Paper, paperboard and woodpulp

62. Paper and paperboard production increased in Europe and the CIS in 2016 but declined in North America. Production of paper and paperboard edged 0.1 per cent higher in Europe, increased by 5.5 per cent in the CIS, and dropped by 0.8 per cent in North America.

63. The industry was again challenged due to overcapacity in graphic papers and chemical woodpulp throughout the ECE region. Capacity closures and conversions (e.g. to packaging-grade paper) in the graphic-paper segment continued in Europe and North America as prices remained under pressure. Production and apparent consumption of sanitary and household papers, along with packaging grades, were stronger in 2016 than in 2015. Packaging-paper production was generally higher in the ECE region, aided by stronger apparent consumption in Europe and the CIS. Woodpulp production was stronger across the ECE region in 2016 due to growth in the apparent consumption of packaging and tissue, as well as in exports.

64. Chemical market woodpulp capacity continued to expand, primarily in low-cost regions outside the ECE region. Prices for chemical pulps were challenging in mid-2016 but began to improve thereafter as a result of stronger Chinese imports and a series of unplanned outages that caused a curtailment of supply. Prices improved in all global markets in early-to mid-2017, despite a series of planned capacity additions that will mainly begin to enter the market in the second half of the year.

65. China's economic output continued to hover around 7 per cent in 2016, as it had done in the previous four years, despite government policies aimed at combating lethargic domestic consumption and exports. Economic and social reforms – including looser credit markets – implemented in 2014, 2015 and 2016 have resulted in modest growth; however, excess manufacturing capacity and weak exports (negatively affected by lacklustre global economic growth) continued in 2016 and early 2017.

66. The on-going growth of electronic communication continues to play a major role in the evolution of the pulp and paper segments, while paperboard has benefited from increased online shopping. The rationalization of capacity through the closure and conversion of high-cost mills continues in the pulp, paper and paperboard segments; low-cost chemical woodpulp, tissue and packaging capacities continue to be added, however.

67. In the pulp sector, the expansion of bleached hardwood craft capacity in South America and Asia continued to be the most important factor by far influencing the market in 2016 and the first half of 2017.

68. The Committee and the Commission forecasts that production of paper and board will increase in the ECE region at an annual rate of 0.8 per cent in 2017 and decline by - 0.4 per cent in 2018. The subregional breakdown is as follows: Europe is gaining 1.0 per cent in 2017 and is expected to gain a further 0.5 per cent in 2018; the CIS is forecast to gain 0.5 per cent in 2017 and gain 0.5 per cent in 2018; and North America is expected to increase by 0.5 per cent in 2017 and decline by 1.6 per cent in 2018.

F. Wood energy

69. Wood energy markets in the ECE region are being significantly affected by public policies, weather fluctuations and changes in production capacity, particularly for wood pellets.

70. The most recent available data show that the primary production of “solid biofuels (excluding charcoal)” in the EU28 grew by 6 per cent in 2015 compared with 2014, to about 3,829 petajoules (PJ). Wood pellet consumption reached 22.3 million tonnes in the European subregion in 2016, a 6.6 per cent increase over 2015. Wood pellet production increased by 2.5 per cent and imports grew by 4.4 per cent.

71. Demand for wood energy is increasing in the CIS as the consumption of wood fuels grows in the subregion and among neighbouring countries. Wood energy consumption increased in the CIS in 2016 but at a slower pace than in 2015. Total wood pellet production

in the CIS increased by 2 per cent in 2016, reaching 2 million tonnes. Half the production was in the Russian Federation, which surpassed 1 million tonnes in 2016.

72. The total production of wood pellets in North America was about 9.2 million tonnes in 2016, up by 6.7 per cent over 2015. Canada consumed about 536 PJ of wood energy in 2016, which was 1 per cent less than in 2015; of this, 225 PJ was derived from solid wood waste, 273 PJ from spent pulping liquor, about 30 PJ from fuelwood and 9.0 PJ from wood pellets. Wood energy consumption accounted for about 4.5 per cent of Canada's total primary energy supply in 2016. The US consumed 2,066 PJ of wood energy in 2016, down by about 6 per cent from 2015.

73. Prices for wood pellets traded across the Atlantic show an overall declining trend, possibly reflecting ample supply as well as demand that has not grown at expected rates (except in the UK). Nonetheless, the share of solid-biofuel (excluding charcoal) imports in the EU28's primary production has grown threefold since 2005. North American wood pellet exports to the EU28 reached 6.6 million tonnes in 2016.

74. The Dutch "stimulation of sustainable energy production incentive scheme" – an incentive scheme for the production of renewable energy in the Netherlands – might spur a new market for utility wood pellets in the EU28.

75. Changes in public policy remain one of the largest sources of uncertainty in wood energy markets. The planned withdrawal of the UK from the EU could affect the role played by wood pellets in the UK's renewable energy portfolio, thereby affecting trade.

76. The announcement by the US of its intention to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change and to begin negotiations either to re-enter the agreement or on a new agreement could affect US domestic wood energy consumption and pellet exports to the EU.

77. The proposal for a revised Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources could affect the eligibility of biomass sourcing and the establishment of risk assessments, with uncertain consequences for established interregional supply chains.

78. The Committee and the Commission forecasts that production of wood pellets will increase in the ECE region at an annual rate of 9.8 per cent in 2017 and 4.7 per cent in 2018. The subregional breakdown is as follows: Europe is forecast to increase by 10.5 per cent in 2017 and a further 3.4 per cent in 2018; CIS is expected to increase 9.3 per cent in 2017 and 6.8 per cent in 2018; and North America is estimated to increase 8.6 per cent in 2017 and then 6.4 per cent in 2018.

G. Value-added wood products

79. Global furniture production was worth \$420 billion in 2016, up moderately from 2015. The value of global furniture trade was estimated at \$140 billion, with France, Germany, the UK and the US the largest import markets.

80. Furniture has become a large global trade flow as the industry has globalized and production has moved to lower-cost countries. China is now the world's largest furniture producer and exporter. In the ECE region, Poland's furniture production increased by more than 10 per cent.

81. Furniture companies in the ECE region are looking for ways to expand furniture production in their home countries, exploring design, service and custom-made concepts, such as integrated electronic features, as ways of competing with imported Asian furniture. The furniture giant IKEA was the largest single buyer of wood in Europe in 2015, consuming 16.2 million m³ of solid-wood equivalent and an estimated 3.8 million m³ of paper and paperboard for packaging.

82. The market for builder's joinery and carpentry products has developed strongly in the US in the last five years. This market is expected to continue developing in North America as housing markets strengthen (the value of imports of builder's joinery and carpentry products in the US alone now exceeds \$2.1 billion per year). In contrast, there has been no

significant change in import volumes in the last several years in the largest European countries.

83. Profiled-wood imports to the US declined in 2016, despite the strengthening housing market. Profiled-wood markets in Europe, serviced mainly by European producers, also declined slightly in 2016.

84. North American production of glulam, wooden I-beams and laminated veneer lumber made consistent gains in the period from 2010 to 2017 (forecast), mainly the result of increased new housing construction. Glulam data are unavailable for Europe, but there has been significant growth in production in Austria, the subregion's largest producer; Italy is the largest consumer. Europe provides the majority of Japan's 771,000 m³ of imports of glulam (and cross-laminated timber), with Finland, Romania, Austria, Estonia and Sweden (in descending order, by volume) the biggest suppliers.

85. Cross-laminated timber production is still largely concentrated in Europe. The DACH countries (Germany, Austria and Switzerland) accounted for about 80 per cent of global production in 2015 (Austria alone produced about 60 per cent). European production was estimated at 680 thousand m³ in 2016, and this is forecast to increase to about 1.25 million m³ by 2020. New production facilities are either completed (Latvia has two newer facilities) or in the planning stages. Despite hype around the use of cross-laminated timber in the construction of tall wooden structures, small and medium-sized buildings are still the focus of most producers in Europe.

86. Cross-laminated timber has become increasingly popular in North America, echoing the long-established trend in Europe. Production in North America, which, to date, has been oriented more towards platforms used in mining and the oil industry, is expected to increase significantly in coming years, with greater use in the building sector. Five cross-laminated timber plants are in operation in North America (three in Canada and two in the US). It is estimated that the potential market for cross-laminated timber in the US alone could be 2 million - 6 million m³, far outstripping the entire current global supply.

H. Housing

87. Housing markets in the Europe and North America have partially recovered from the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. However, housing construction and sales have not yet attained their historical averages. GDP forecasts for many advanced economies in the ECE region suggest that housing construction and sales in 2017 and beyond might be at similar levels to those reported in the past few years.

88. In the US, housing construction and sales have increased from the lows of 2009, but aggregate new single-family housing construction remains below its historical average. All subsectors of the US housing market increased in 2016. Beginner or starter housing remains subdued, and the quantity of dwellings constructed is insufficient to meet increasing demands due to population growth. Residential investment accounted for 6.1 per cent of US GDP in 2005 but for only 3.8 per cent in 2016, a sign that the new-housing construction market has additional opportunity to grow. The Canadian housing sector remains stable. However, there is growing concern about rapidly escalating housing prices in Vancouver and in the greater Toronto area.

89. The Russian Federation experienced a decline (of nearly 3.4 per cent) in commissioned houses in 2016, to 1.15 million units. Overall, 79.3 million m² of floor space was put in place, a decrease of 6.7 per cent compared with 2015. A Government programme on wooden housing construction is currently being developed.

90. Euro-area construction increased by 7.1 per cent between February 2016 and February 2017, due primarily to improvements in the building construction and civil engineering sectors. Residential remodelling was the largest component (about 58 per cent) of euro-area residential construction expenditures in 2016, although new residential construction is forecast to increase at higher rates than remodelling to 2019. New residential spending (new residential construction + residential renovation) is forecast to increase by 8.0 per cent from

2016 to 2019, with civil engineering construction increasing by 9.4 per cent and non-residential construction by 5.4 per cent (euro basis). There will be robust demand in Europe in the near term due to revived consumer confidence, increasing household incomes, demographic growth, and the housing needs of asylum seekers.

Annex IV

a) Recommendations of the European Forestry Commission for the attention of the FAO Committee on Forestry (issues to be considered for inclusion in the Agenda)

<i>Priority issues for the FAO Committee on Forestry to consider</i>	<i>Expected outcome (information/discussion/decision)</i>	<i>Possible follow up activities for the FAO Committee on Forestry and FAO</i>	<i>Reference to other Regional Forestry Commission recommendations</i>
Forests and the SDGs	Discussion/decision		North American Forest Commission, Latin American and the Caribbean Forestry Commission
Mainstreaming biodiversity	Discussion/decision		North American Forest Commission
Forests and food security (including agroforestry, non-wood forest products, etc.)	Discussion/decision		North American Forest Commission, Committee on Food Security
Forests health and invasive species including pests	Discussion/decision		
Boreal and temperate forests	Discussion/decision		FAO Committee on Forestry request
Youth, education and employment	Discussion/decision		
Promotion of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, defining and implementing voluntary national contributions	Discussion/decision		
Global set of criteria and indicators	Discussion/decision		North American Forest Commission
Sustainable forest management under climate change	Discussion/decision		
Integrated land use and forest issues in a changing environment in the context of the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry sector	Discussion/decision		

Urban Forestry	Discussion/decision		North American Forest Commission
Fire management	Discussion/decision		North American Forest Commission
Funding opportunities for forests	Discussion/decision		

b) Recommendations of the European Forestry Commission for the attention of the Regional Conference for Europe

<i>Priority issues for the Regional Conference for Europe to consider</i>	<i>Expected outcome (information/discussion/decision)</i>	<i>Possible follow up activities for FAO</i>
Consider the report of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission as a separate agenda item (standing item)	Information/discussion/decision	
Consider the recommendations of the Commission in its deliberations on current and future Regional Initiatives and on the programme of work and budget	Discussion/decision	
Send invitations to the Ministries related to forestry of the countries to participate in meetings of the Regional Conference for Europe and designate focal points for the Regional Conference for Europe	Decision	
Discussion of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 from the region's perspective	Information/discussion	

c) RFC recommendations for the FAO Programme of Work in Forestry related to the agenda of the current session

<i>Area/action for FAO programme of work</i>	<i>Priority (H, M, L, De-emphasis)</i>	<i>Type (new, continued)</i>	<i>Level of action (subregional/ regional/global)</i>	<i>Strategic Objective (1-5)</i>
<u>Global and regional context:</u> ECE and FAO, within their existing mandates, to:				
1. Continue to support country implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda as they relate to forests, and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 in cooperation with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests members.		Continued	Global, regional	SO1 - SO5
2. Update member States and other stakeholders on the forest-related global and regional policy developments, building also on the possible input from the ECE/FAO Network on Forest Policy, to contribute to the achievement of SDGs and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 implementation and review process.		Continued	Global, regional	SO1 - SO5
3. Continue forest monitoring and outlook work in the region.		Continued	Regional	SO2 - SO4

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<u>Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020:</u> FAO to:				
4. Continue supporting the development of the global core set concept and contribute to the collection of data for those indicators that are relevant for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020.		Continued	Global, regional	SO2, SO4
5. Continue the development and implementation of the new Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 online platform to allow voluntary event-based annual submissions, reviews and annual reporting on SDG indicators 15.1.1 and 15.2.1.		Continued	Global, regional	SO2, SO4
6. Further strengthen the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire and consider options for expanding it towards reporting with regional Criteria and Indicator processes.		Continued	Global, regional	SO2, SO4
7. Make the country-specific remote sensing datasets available for national validation and to provide the necessary tools and support for data analysis and management.		Continued	Global, regional	SO2, SO4
8. Initiate Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 capacity development activities on remote sensing methodologies and national spatial data infrastructure.		Continued	Global, regional	SO2, SO4
<u>Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020:</u> FAO and ECE to:				
9. to continue to work together with Forest Europe to implement ECE/FAO/Forest Europe joint data collection on forests and sustainable forest management in the region and coordinate it with the global reporting to the extent possible in a cost effective manner.		Continued	Regional	SO2, SO4
10. Suggested a revision of the joint data collection to, inter alia, further clarify how these data should be referred to in third party publications.		Continued	Regional	SO2, SO4
<u>The Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work 2018-2021:</u>				
11. Support the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work within its mandate.		Continued	Regional	SO2, SO4
<u>Follow-up to the decisions of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission:</u> FAO to:				
12. Integrate adaptation activities to climate change works stressing the importance of the “no mitigation without adaptation” approach.		Continued	All	SO2, SO4
13. Renew the work with the Advisory Panel on Forest Knowledge to provide guidance for modernizing forestry related education.		Continued	All	SO2, SO4

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<u>Forestry activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia:</u> FAO to:				
14. Prepare a background document for regional activities for the next session of the Commission, including the creation of an online information platform on project activities.		New	Regional	SO2, SO4
15. Promote broader participation of the different stakeholders, in particular from forestry, in the FAO Country Programming process.		New	Regional, national	SO2, SO4
16. Support countries in developing strategies and measures aiming at prevention and control of transboundary forest pest and diseases, thus to increase vitality of forests in the context of climate change.		Continued	Regional, national	SO2, SO5
<u>Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia:</u> FAO to:				
17. Continue supporting the establishment and functioning of the Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia and the implementation of its activities.		New	Regional	SO2, SO5
18. Facilitate the Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia in linking up and cooperation with the European Commission Joint Research Centre European Alien Species Information Network and other European initiatives.		New	Regional	SO2, SO5
19. Engage in cross-cutting and inter-departmental work, in particular through the relevant Major Areas of Work and/or Regional Initiatives of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia defined under the FAO Strategic Framework.		New	Regional	SO2, SO5
20. Support cross sectoral plant protection measures to contribute to biodiversity conservation, and climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.		New	Regional	SO2, SO5
21. Support country efforts to plan and implement activities within the scope of the Platform, in particular through training and capacity development work.		New	Regional	SO2, SO5
22. Provide technical support to manage forest pests, which are not necessarily considered as invasive species.		New	Regional	SO2, SO5

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<u>Forest and Landscape Restoration work under climate change conditions in the region:</u> FAO to:				
23. Support country efforts in the region to plan and implement activities related to the restoration of forests and other degraded lands, in particular through activities of the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism, including national strategy and action plans, and also in the framework of the possible “European Forest and Landscape Restoration Initiative”.		Continued	All	SO2, SO5
24. Assist countries to develop consistent definitions for “degraded forest” in relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Aichi Targets.		Continued	All	SO2, SO5
25. Seek further cooperation with regional partners to promote the restoration of degraded lands, in particular through direct involvement in global partnerships and initiatives, including the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration, International Model Forest Network, and the Landscapes for People, Food and Nature initiative, as well as with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.		Continued	All	SO2, SO5
26. Engage in cross-cutting and inter-departmental work to support landscape approaches.		Continued	All	SO2, SO5
27. Pursue active engagement with multilateral, bilateral and private sector resource partners, including the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and multilateral and regional development banks, to enable FAO to increase its support to member countries in forest and landscape restoration activities.		Continued	All	SO2, SO5
<u>Progress of Silva Mediterranea:</u>				
28. Encouraged the development of activities on forest and landscape restoration in the Mediterranean region.		Continued	Regional, national	SO2, SO5
29. Strengthening FAO’s work on boreal and temperate forests: FAO to:				
30. Consider a more active cooperation with the existing mechanisms instead of creating any additional platform and encouraged these mechanisms to seek a stronger involvement from FAO and ECE as appropriate.		New	Global, regional	SO2
31. Continue building up its normative, and operational, and information support to member States in the Region of Europe and Central Asia in regard to both boreal and temperate forests.		New	Global, regional	SO2

<i>Area/action for FAO programme of work</i>	<i>Priority (H, M, L, De-emphasis)</i>	<i>Type (new, continued)</i>	<i>Level of action (subregional/ regional/global)</i>	<i>Strategic Objective (1-5)</i>
<u>Contributions of FAO's work in forestry to the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of Regional Initiatives of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia:</u> FAO to				
32. Strengthen the integration of specific forestry programmes (including the Forest and Farm Facility, Forest and Landscape Restoration, the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, work on agro-forestry and urban forestry) and other operational forestry work into existing and future Regional Initiatives of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, taking into account the multi-functional roles of forests.		New	Regional, national	SO2, SO4, SO5
33. Continue to support countries upon request in natural resource management including forests through the harmonization and strengthening of national policy, financing, incentives, taxation and governance frameworks and measures, including regulations, standards and monitoring for forest management interventions and practices, and support capacity development in this regard.		New	Regional, national	SO2, SO4, SO5
34. Provide assessment tools, methodologies and data (including GIS and mapping) to evaluate the impacts of climate change and support the definition of policy and investment options and evidence based planning and management of the forest resources.		New	Regional, national	SO2, SO4, SO5
<u>The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) High-level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition study on sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition:</u> FAO to:				
35. Support countries in enhancing the contributions of forests and trees to food security and nutrition, in particular in countries most in need.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
36. Support and promote the role of women in forestry and food security.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
37. Identify, document and disseminate best practices regarding food security and nutrition mainstreaming in forestry.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
38. Develop guidelines for mainstreaming food security and nutrition objectives in forest and other related sectors' policies as well as in forest management policy and practices.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5

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FAO contributions to the global process: FAO to:				
39. Assist countries in strengthening their capacity to monitor forest-related SDG indicators and in strengthening the wider contributions of forests to the SDGs.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
40. Continue contributing to the Global Climate Action Agenda and to promote forest related initiatives, projects and programmes at COP23 as well as support countries in the development of their forest and other land use related proposals for the Green Climate Fund.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
41. Inform the FAO Committee on Forestry on plans and progress made in establishing the platform on mainstreaming biodiversity, as well as on FAO's work in promoting the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
42. Support the appropriate inclusion of the role of forests in the Convention on Biological Diversity strategies beyond 2020.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
43. Explore ways and means to help further enhance the forest sector's contribution to the mainstreaming of biodiversity.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
44. Support the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests including through analytical work, such as the State of the World's Forests and the Global Forest Resources Assessment; and assist countries, at their request, in developing voluntary national contributions.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5
45. Strengthen its leadership in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and work towards strengthening support to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 including through presenting the Collaborative Partnership on Forests workplan and the recommendation for a global core set of forest-related indicators to UNFF13 and to the FAO Committee on Forestry in 2018.		Continued	All	SO1 - SO5