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REPORT (as approved by the Session)

Introduction

1. The Steering Committee held its fourteenth Session in Bordeaux, France, from 17-18 September 1999 at the office of the Fédération de la Forêt de Gascogne. All current members were present, except for Messrs P. Efthymiou (Greece), past Chairman and D. McAree (Ireland), Vice-Chairman, who sent their regrets for being unable to attend. The leader of the Team of Specialists on 'Participation and partnerships in forestry', Mr. M. Wenner (United Kingdom), attended on 18 September.

Adoption of the agenda (Item 1)

2. The provisional agenda was adopted as set out in document TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/1999/1.

Strategic planning, programming and programme implementation (Item 2)

3. A note on cooperation with the pan-European Process was introduced by Mr. J. Najera (FAO/ECE). He emphasized the good coordination with the secretariat of the process concerning the Team of Specialists on 'Participation and partnerships in forestry'.

4. Referring to the pan-European Process, the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and other international forest policy fora, Mr. J. Ilavský (Slovakia) reported that a recent meeting of countries in transition had expressed concern with the proliferation of initiatives that were inter-related, but poorly coordinated. The number of these initiatives should be reduced and the remaining ones better integrated.

5. The meeting noted that the Joint Committee had successfully seized the opportunity to contribute to policy processes and should continue to do so. It should, however, ensure that the focus remained on technical work. The Committee's comparative advantage lay with its ability to further develop and promote silvicultural and management systems, operations and technology as well as human resources, without which sustainable forest management could not be put into practice. The Committee's recent work on wider social aspects of sustainable forest management had been very useful and well received by the parent bodies. This subject should be pursued further.

6. In order to maintain the present very good working relations and flow of information with the Committee's parent bodies, the members of the Steering Committee should make sure that their respective country representatives to the parent bodies are fully briefed on the Committee's activities. The Steering Committee welcomed a suggestion by Mr. Ilavský to propose 'forest operations and sustainable forest management' as a special topic for the joint session of the European Forestry Commission and the Timber Committee in Rome in October 2000. It requested Mr. Ilavský to consult the Timber Committee chairman and secretary on the best way of introducing the proposal.

7. Coordination with other forestry organizations worked rather well, in particular with IUFRO. Reports and announcements should be sent routinely to the main secretariat of IUFRO in Vienna and to the coordinator of Division 3, as well as to the European Forest Institute, to Silva Mediterranea and to the Forest Engineering Group in the United Kingdom.

8. In the discussion of the Committee's procedures and working methods, the members voiced their dissatisfaction with the delays in the translation and issuing of documents and requested the chairman to write to the ECE/FAO ahead of the next Joint Committee session in order to ensure timely availability of documentation.

9. The internal functioning of the Steering Committee was discussed on the basis of the notes prepared in 1998 by Mr. Efthymiou, past chairman. The Committee agreed that it was important to be able to reach decisions on new proposals quickly to ensure its programme remained relevant to current needs. Suggestions emerging between sessions should first be referred to the chairman, the responsible coordinator and all secretariat members. If the chairman and the coordinator agreed to a proposal, all officers should be informed. If no objections were raised within 14 days of notification this would be considered consent.

10. The chairman would also provide an update on the status of the various items on the work programme by e-mail from time to time.

11. It was further agreed, that the only document requiring approval by the chairman was the provisional agenda for a session. The only documents reflecting decisions were the reports of sessions which were approved by the members of the Committee. All other documents were for information only and issued under the responsibility of the secretariat.

12. A **brochure and a dedicated Internet homepage** for presenting the Joint Committee (JC) have been under discussion for a number of years. The Steering Committee requested a working group composed of Messrs M. Büchel (Switzerland), J. Najera (ECE), S. Rzadkowski (Poland), Ms. C. Kind (ECE) and Messrs P. Poschen and M. Lövgren (ILO), to come up with an outline and work plans for both.

13. The working group concluded that the brochure should focus on answering the following questions:

- what can the reader get out of the Joint Committee?
- what is unique about the Committee?
- who is the Committee?
- what is its aim, and
- how is it structured?

14. The brochure would be aimed at a target group identified as forest professionals, active in the public and private sectors, as well as NGOs. It should serve as an 'appetiser' and encourage the reader to find out more about the JC by visiting the website which would be indicated in the brochure. It should thus contain little text and rather use pictures representing the three subject areas as a complement. It should describe the structure of the Committee, ideally by using an organizational chart. Methods of work and missions statement are to be included. The three logo types (FAO, ECE & ILO) should stay. A folder based on a glossy A4 sheet might serve the purpose of providing a clear and attractive message. This design would be compared to a more elaborate format in terms of presentation and cost. For cost reasons, emphasis should be put on achieving a high print run. Therefore, the content of the brochure had to be kept general and avoid information that would soon be outdated.

15. It was decided that the responsibility of producing the brochure should be taken by the ILO (Mr. M. Lövgren). A first draft will be ready on 31 January 2000. Suggestions for layout and design will be made by the ECE (Mr. Najera) and the ILO. Mr. Büchel and the Swiss Federal Forest Agency will support and give suggestions on the layout. A final draft and layout will be completed by 15 March 2000. The brochure will be reproduced prior to the 23rd session which will take place in Geneva next June.

16. The working group noted that the **website** should be dynamic and updated quarterly. Otherwise, it would no longer attract the readers. The content of the website should focus on:

- coming events
- reports (workshops, seminars, etc.)
- publications and newsletters

It was decided that no photographs would be used in a first version because of

the time consuming procedure to download them.

17. Mr. Najera will be responsible for the website. A first draft will be completed before the end of October 1999 and become available under the following address: www.unece.org/trade/timber/joint-co.htm. Comments on the drafts are most welcome at joint.committee@unece.org. A second draft is foreseen for December 1999 and the final version will follow in May 2000.

18. The Committee was informed that Canada had nominated a new contact point, Mr. J. Hector from Natural Resources Canada in Ottawa. The list of official contact points should continue to be updated every two years in advance of the next session.

19. In order to further improve the outreach of the Committee, the mailing list to participants in earlier Joint Committee events and activities should be maintained and updated after every event. In addition, multipliers should be identified in countries where the Committee appears not sufficiently well known and accessible. Mr. D. Dykstra, now director of the World Forestry Centre in the United States, was cited as an example. Organizers and coordinators should resume the practice of sending press releases about activities to major forestry journals.

20. Regarding the country reports requested from members ahead of sessions, the Committee agreed that they provided useful insights, even if relatively few countries replied. The response rate and relevance should be improved by including the request as a separate sheet in the mailing of the invitation for sessions and sending a reminder to those who failed to reply by the deadline. The sheet should explain the function of the country report, indicate its length of maximum two pages per subject area, mention the items for which information was requested under each subject area, as well as the deadline and the address to which to send the completed reports.

21. Concerning the Joint Committee's working methods, the Committee agreed that the format for seminars and workshops should be adapted to the topic and the expected outcome of each event. Innovation was generally encouraged. Parallel sessions during seminars were, however, considered impracticable and undesirable. A set of standard instructions to authors of papers should be prepared and included on a separate sheet with the confirmation when a paper had been accepted for an event. In addition to the deadlines for the submission of the summary and the full paper, this should include instructions on format and presentation. The instructions used by IUFRO should be reviewed for possible adoption bearing in mind that the format should also be compatible with ECE-standards.

Review of the programme in subject area 1: Management (Item 3)

(i) **Multiple-use forestry** (Team of specialists)

22. The meeting was informed that the report of the team of specialists on multiple-use forestry would be available shortly as a discussion paper. With the publication of the report the team had completed its mandate. The Committee thanked the team leader Mr. G. Nordanstig (Sweden), the team members and Mr. M. Wenner (United Kingdom) for the work accomplished.

(ii) **Forest fire prevention and control** (Team of specialists)

23. On the basis of an activity report by the leader of the team, Mr. J. Goldammer (Germany), the meeting was informed of the activities since the Joint Committee session last September. The meeting noted that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the U. S. Department of the Interior had financially supported the preparation of the manuscript of *International Forest Fire News* (IFFN) during 1998 and 1999 (see TIM/EFC/WP.1/28, para. 33). It agreed to request the BLM to continue this fruitful cooperation beyond 1999. Regarding the proposal for a fire seminar in Turkey in 2001, the meeting noted that Turkey had already confirmed to host a seminar on 'Harvesting of non-wood forest products' in 2000 (see para. 30). It therefore asked the team leader to approach the Turkish authorities to ascertain if they were willing to host two Joint Committee activities in consecutive years. An alternative would be to explore the possibilities to hold the seminar in another Mediterranean country. The meeting agreed to thank the team for the excellent work accomplished.

(iii) **Information systems in forestry** (workshop)

24. Mr. J. Souoheimo (Finland) informed the meeting about the preparations for the workshop on 'Information systems' that his country was hosting in May 2000. The meeting discussed the tentative programme and requested the host country and the secretariat to finalise and circulate the first announcement by early October 1999. The second announcement should be issued before the end of the year in order to attract a good number of participants.

(iv) **Afforestation**

25. The meeting welcomed the confirmation by Ireland of its willingness to host a seminar on afforestation in 2002, and invited the Irish authorities to present a tentative programme to the next session of the Joint Committee in June 2000.

Review of the programme in forest technology: subject area 2 (item 4)

(i) **Environmentally sound forest roads and wood transport** (Seminar, Romania 1996)

26. The Steering Committee noted with satisfaction that the proceedings of the Seminar on 'Environmentally Sound Forest Roads' have been published. On behalf of the Joint Committee, the Chairman thanked FAO for the very good work which provided the state-of-the-art on this topic.

(ii) **Reducing the impact of forest operations on ecosystems** (Team of specialists)

27. The Steering Committee was informed of the progress made by the team of specialists. The team had presented a workplan for the preparation of the guidelines for reducing impact, which will be the team's major output. The plan includes the outline and identifies the contributors to the various chapters. According to the proposed time schedule, the final report should be ready by 20 December 1999.

28. Mr. V. Korobov (Russian Federation) emphasized that this document would be of great interest for his country and that he was very much looking forward to receiving it. Regarding the cost for printing of the report, Mr. R. Heinrich (FAO) noted that this item was of major importance to many countries and that FAO had a programme on the environmental impact assessment related to forest utilization. He would therefore look into ways of publishing it through FAO, once the document has been received and evaluated. The chairman suggested that the Secretariat and the Coordinator of subject area 2 should contact Dr. I. Wästerlund to inquire about the availability of the final report and to inform him of the keen interest in the guidelines expressed during the session of the Steering Committee.

(iii) **New trends in wood harvesting with cable systems** (Workshop, Ossiach, Austria, 2000)

29. Mr. Heinrich proposed to postpone the Workshop on 'New Trends in Wood Harvesting with Cable Systems' in Ossiach (Austria) from the year 2000 to 2001 due to the heavy agenda in the year 2000. The Steering Committee fully agreed and the chairman suggested that it would be very desirable to have a final programme available for the next Joint Committee session in Geneva.

(iv) **Forest operations of tomorrow** (Seminar, France, September 1999)

30. Mr. Poschen reported about the preparations for the seminar and referred to the innovative approach for organization and funding, involving a regional Government, the private sector and a research organization (AFOCEL). Through joint efforts between the French organizers and the Secretariat in identifying high level key note speakers and proposing an attractive programme, some 130 participants had registered for the seminar.

(v) **Harvesting of non-wood forest products** (Seminar, Turkey, 2000)

31. Mr. Heinrich reported on his recent visit to Turkey and presented the programme developed for the seminar. The Steering Committee reviewed the programme and provided some suggestions for the agenda. Mr. Ilavsky suggested in particular that this theme was not only of importance for the Mediterranean countries, but for many more countries in Europe and overseas. In addition, suggestions were made to actively involve IUFRO and the Non-Wood Forest Products group in FAO. The Steering Committee requested Mr. Heinrich to follow up on this and to prepare a final programme which should be distributed soon after by the secretariat.

(vi) **Multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable areas** (proposed Seminar or Workshop, Sochi, Russian Federation, 2000)

32. The proposal for the event on 'Multi-functional Forestry' prepared by the Mountain Forestry and Ecology Research Institute in Sochi (Russian Federation) was very well received by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee agreed to the suggestion that the event should be postponed to the year 2002, which would very well fit in the schedule of the Joint Committee activities. The chairman suggested that the content of the programme should be reviewed and discussed at the next Joint Committee session and that Mr. Korobov should inform

the authorities on the decisions taken.

33. Mr. Najera drew attention to the outcome of the *ad hoc* working group on Biodiversity, Protected Areas and Related Issues which held its meeting in Baden (Austria), 11-12 February 1999. The meeting was related to the pan-European process and it was suggested that Mr. Wildburger (Liaison Unit in Vienna) and Mr. Dykstra from IUFRO (Chairman of Division 3) should be contacted by Mr. Heinrich to seek cooperation and support for the proposed seminar in Sochi (Russian Federation).

(vii) Events related to the Joint Committee programme

34. Mr. Hoefle, informed the meeting about the 'International Conference on Emerging Harvesting Issues in Technology Transition of the End of Century' which would take place from 27 September - 1 October 1999 in Opalija (Croatia). The Steering Committee took note of this important initiative which was jointly organized by the University of Zagreb and IUFRO.

35. The chairman also mentioned that the fair on Forest Technology organized by the Kuratorium für Waldarbeit und Forsttechnik (KWF) would be held in Celle (Germany) in September 2000. It was the largest forestry fair in Central Europe and it would be desirable that the Joint Committee be represented there. The new brochure should be available for this event and the Joint Committee be represented through an information stand. Mr. Poschen reported that he was discussing cooperation with KWF in organizing a meeting of European Forestry Contractors. The Committee endorsed this initiative as being in line with repeated recommendations from Joint Committee seminars and Lisbon Resolution L1.

Review of the programme in subject area 3: Training (item 5)

(i) Forestry workforce network (FORWORKNET)

36. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the FORWORKNET had resumed its normal functioning. In order to extend membership in eastern Europe 10 copies of the latest bulletin, information and registration forms should be sent to the Steering Committee members concerned. They would forward them to interested organizations and individuals such as the private sector, trade unions and universities. Ms. E. Sandor (Hungary) referred to a study on globalization in the forestry and wood industries in the countries in transition being carried out by ILO and the University of Dresden in Germany. The findings would be most relevant to the countries and should be communicated to the Joint Committee at its next session.

(ii) Forestry training for target groups that are hard to reach (Seminar La Bastide-des-Jourdans, France, 20-24 April 1998)

37. Ms. Kind informed the meeting that the proceedings had been compiled and would be published shortly.

(iii) **Improving working conditions and increasing productivity in forestry**
(Seminar, Banska Stiavniska, Slovakia, 9-13 September 1998)

38. The meeting noted that the proceedings had been compiled and would be published shortly.

(iv) **Social aspects of sustainable forest management** (Team of specialists)

39. After consultations with the Team leader, Mr. P. Mühlemann (Switzerland) and the secretariats for the Joint Committee and the pan-European process, it was agreed that the team had played a very useful role, but that there was no need for further work on such a broad basis for the time being. The Committee therefore agreed to discontinue the Team. It expressed its warm thanks to the leader and to the team members for the work accomplished under great time pressure as well as to the Swiss government for its support. It noted with appreciation that resources earmarked for the continuation of the team would be made available to the team on 'Participation and partnerships in forestry'.

(v) **Participation and partnerships in forestry** (Team of specialists)

40. The present state of preparations was explained by the team leader, Mr. Wenner. The team had not been established yet, but a short list of potential members had been drawn up. These would be approached directly in addition to a general call for participation to all member countries. A first meeting was tentatively scheduled in Switzerland for 22-24 November 1999. This meeting was aimed at clarifying the concept and at levelling the knowledge and understanding among the members of the team. A first report would ideally be available before the end of the year. It was urgent to launch the team, as the time schedule would not be workable if further delays occurred.

41. The mandate of the team should include a strong reference to the pan-European process and in particular to Lisbon resolution L1. Apart from the input to the process, the team was expected to contribute to four forthcoming seminars (non-wood forest products in 2000, women in forestry in Portugal in 2001, forestry meets the public in Switzerland in 2001, and partnerships in forestry in Belgium in 2002. (Note by the Secretariat: Subsequently, the Timber Committee, at its fifty-seventh session, 27 to 30 September 1999, extended the team's mandate to 2002 and redrafted the mandate as set out in Annex III).

(vi) **Women in forestry** (seminar in Portugal, March/April 2001)

42. Mr. Poschen informed that the Portuguese government had confirmed the seminar for the first semester of 2001 and nominated Ms. A. Verde as contact point, following a letter written by Mr. Büchel the subject area coordinator. The Committee agreed to approach the local organizers with a first draft for an agenda, which Ms. E. Horvathné Sandor (Hungary) and Mr. Wenner were requested to help prepare. It was urgent for the organizers to reserve a team of UN interpreters if they intended to use their services.

43. The Steering Committee noted that several related activities were ongoing or under preparation, including a women forum at the IUFRO World Congress in Malaysia in 2000 and a European research project led by Ms. D. Wästerlund and

G. Livstad in Umea (Sweden). The latter might offer possibilities to fund research in Eastern Europe. Mr. Büchel mentioned, that a study had also been commissioned through Ms. E. Coleman of the Swiss Forest Service which could serve as the Swiss contribution to the seminar. The organizers should be informed about these activities.

(vii) **Forestry meets the public** (Seminar in Switzerland in October 2001)

44. Mr. Büchel introduced the draft first announcement and the timetable for preparations. Requests for comments and cooperation had been made to the leader of the Team of specialists on Public Relations (Mr. I. Gschwandtl, Austria), the FAO Extension specialist (Mr. J. Anderson), the World Forestry Centre (Mr. D. Dykstra) and the IUFRO education group (Mr. Lewark). Their comments would be incorporated and the final announcement presented to the next Joint Committee session.

(viii) **Partnerships in forestry** (seminar in Flanders, Belgium in 2002)

45. The Committee noted that a good coordination between the seminar organizers and the team of specialists on 'Participation and partnerships in forestry' was likely to be ensured by inviting Mr. W. Buysse (Belgium) to join the team. A preliminary agenda for the seminar should be presented to the next Joint Committee session.

Twenty-third session of the Joint Committee (item 6)

(i) **Date, place and organization**

46. The twenty-third session of the Joint Committee will be held in Geneva, in the Palais des Nations, from 5 to 8 June 2000. The meeting asked the secretariat to write to the Swiss authorities requesting them to organize a one day study tour on 7 June on the occasion of the session. The theme could be forest roads and Swiss silvicultural practices.

47. The meeting agreed that the provisional agenda for the meeting should include, besides the recurrent items, an item on public relations in which, the brochure and the website would be discussed. Another agenda item should deal with the implementation of the conclusion and recommendations of Joint Committee seminars and workshops. The synopsis of conclusions and recommendations should be updated.

(ii) **Special topics**

48. The meeting agreed that the special topic for the next session be 'Forest Codes of Practice' and 'NGOs views on forestry'. The secretariat was asked to approach Ireland for a speaker on Codes and the WWF for NGO views.

Other business (Item 7)

49. Mr. Wenner informed the meeting that he presented the multiple use forestry team report at a IUFRO meeting on 'New opportunities for forest related rural development' held in Aberdeen last August.

50. The meeting expressed its appreciation and thanks to the Fédération de la Forêt de Gascogne for hosting the meeting.

Adoption of the report (Item 8)

51. The meeting requested the secretariat to circulate the draft report to the Steering Committee and to finalize it, incorporating the comments received by end October 1999.

Date and place of the next session (Item 9)

52. The Steering Committee agreed to hold its next session informally at the end of twenty-third session of the Joint Committee.

ANNEX I

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2000-2004

Programme in subject area 1, silviculture and forest management:

(e.g. multiple-use forestry, ecological and economical issues, marketing, information systems)

1.1. Forest fire prevention and control (Goldammer)

Activities of the team of specialists, including the publication, twice yearly, of International Forest Fire News; the team will explore the possibilities of organizing a seminar in the Mediterranean region or North America; the team will make recommendations on the harmonization of forest fire statistics and reporting requirements for the European Union and ECE/FAO. The team will report to the twenty-third session of the Joint Committee in 2000.

Duration: **to 2002**

1.2. Information systems in forestry (Souheimo)

A workshop on forestry information systems 2000 will be held in Finland from 15-20 May 2000. A detailed proposal to be submitted to the twenty-third session of the Joint Committee in 2000.

Duration: **to 2000**

1.3. Afforestation (McAree)

Seminar in Ireland in September 2002. A detailed programme to be submitted to the fourteenth session of the Steering Committee in 1999.

Duration: **to 2002**

Programme in subject area 2, technology, wood harvesting and transport:

(e.g. forest engineering, ecologically and economically sound operations in silviculture, wood harvesting and transport)

2.1. Environmentally sound forest roads and wood transport (Heinrich)

FAO will keep under review and compile information on developments in the sector. A seminar or workshop to be held in 2000 or 2003.

Duration: **to be determined by the Joint Committee's twenty-third session**

2.2. Reducing the impact of forest operations on ecosystems (Wästerlund)

Activities of team of specialists on reducing the impact of forest operations on ecosystems: publication of draft guidelines.

Duration: **to 2000**

2.3. New trends in wood harvesting with cable system (Heinrich)

Proposal for a workshop on new trends in wood harvesting with cable system, June 2001, Ossiach (Austria).

Duration: **to 2001**

2.4. Forest operations of tomorrow (France, Poschen)

Publication of the proceeding of the Seminar held in Pessac, Aquitaine, France, from 20 to 24 September 1999.

Duration: **to 1999**

2.5. Harvesting of wood and non-wood products (Heinrich)

A seminar on harvesting of wood and non-wood products will be held in Izmir, Turkey from 2-8 October 2000, in cooperation with IUFRO.

Duration: **to 2000**

2.6. Multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable areas

Workshop on multifunctional forestry to be organized by the Mountain Forestry and Forest Ecology Research Institute in Sochi, Russian Federation in 2002. A tentative programme is to be presented at the twenty-third session of the Joint Committee.

Duration: **to be determined by the Joint Committee's twenty-third session**

Programme in subject area 3, vocational training and applied ergonomics:

(e.g. for workers, supervisors and managers, including applied ergonomics and occupational safety and health)

3.1. Forestry workforce network (Poschen)

Activities of the Forestry workforce network, publication of *FORWORKNET Update* by ILO, two or three times per year.

Duration: **continuing**

3.2. Forestry meets the public (Büchel)

Seminar in Switzerland, in September/October 2001.

Duration: **to 2001**

3.3. Participation and partnerships in forestry (Wenner)

A team of specialists is to be established under the leadership of Mr. M. Wenner (UK) with the task to clarify the concept of "participation" and develop the

conceptual framework for participatory forest management (involvement of the public), awareness of the forest and use of forest products and services by the public and draw up a report to the Joint Committee and the pan-European process on participatory management and proposals for follow-up actions.

Duration: **to 2002**

3.4. Partnerships in forestry

Seminar on Partnerships in Flanders, Belgium in 2002.

Duration: **to 2002**

3.5. Women in forestry

Seminar in Portugal in March/April 2001. A detailed programme to be submitted to the twenty-third session of the Joint Committee in 2000.

Duration: **to 2001**

ANNEX II

TABULAR PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	Joint Committee (JC) Steering Committee (SC) annual sessions	JC, 23rd session Geneva, June (to be determined: excursion hosted by the Swiss Gov.)	SC, 15th session	JC, 24th session Ireland September	SC, 16th session	JC, 25th session

Subject area 1: Silviculture and forest management

1.1	Forest fire prevention and control	Continuing IFFN (Newsletter, twice a year)	unofficial proposal for a seminar in Turkey			
1.2	Information systems in forestry	workshop in Finland May				
1.3	Afforestation			seminar in Ireland September		

Subject area 2: Technology, wood harvesting and transport

2.1	Environmentally sound forest roads and wood transport			seminar or workshop in 2001 or 2003		
2.2	Reducing the impact of forest operations on ecosystems	publication of draft guidelines				
2.3	Wood harvesting with cable systems		workshop in Austria June			
2.4	Forest operations of tomorrow	publication of proceedings				

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
2.5	Harvesting of non-wood products	seminar in Turkey October				
2.6	Multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable areas			workshop in the Russian Federation (to be confirmed)		

Subject area 3: Vocational training and applied ergonomics

3.1	Forestry workforce network	Continuing publication of <i>FORWORKNET</i>				
3.2	Forestry meets the public		seminar in Switzerland October			
3.3	Participation and partnerships in forestry (team of specialists)	activities of the team of specialists				
3.4	Partnerships			seminar on Partnerships in Flanders, Belgium		
3.5	Women in forestry		seminar in Lisbon March / April			

ANNEX III

MANDATES OF TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS
Reference to programme of work: 2.2.(3.4)

MANDATE OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON 'PARTICIPATION AND PARTNERSHIPS IN FORESTRY'	
A.- TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY: References:	The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training Report 22nd session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/28, (mandate modified by Timber Committee in September 1999)
MANDATE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify the concept of "participation" and develop the conceptual framework for participatory forest management (involvement of the public), awareness of the forest and use of forest products and services by the public 2. Draw up a report to the Joint Committee and the pan-European process on participatory management and proposals for follow-up actions 3. Assist in the preparation of the proposed seminars in Switzerland on Public relations and environmental education in forestry, and in Belgium on Partnerships. 4. Collect and even initiate case studies.
DURATION:	to 2002
APPROVED BY:	The Joint Committee's 22nd session
REPORTING:	The team reports to each session of the Joint Committee and of the Steering Committee
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: Report to the Steering Committee in 1999, and to the Joint Committee in 2000	

B.- INFORMATION SHEET (as of September 1999)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	Preparatory meeting to launch the activities of the team (June 1999) in coordination with the past team on socio-economic aspects.
Ongoing:	Preparation of background paper for the inaugural meeting in autumn 1999 and outline for country reports by Team members.
Future:	Develop concepts and address main issues of the participatory process. Assist in the preparation of the Joint Committee seminars on Forestry meets the public; on Partnerships; and on Women in forestry.
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/1999/2
TEAM LEADER:	Miles Wenner (United Kingdom)
MEMBERSHIP:	To be determined