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Twenty-third session

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva
14-16 May 2001, starting at 10.00 hrs on Monday 14 May,
(followed by a meeting of national statistical correspondents on 17-18 May)

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EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

General

The Working Party will hold its regular biennial session, the twenty-third, in May 2001. Documents will be issued in advance to the regular mailing list, and will also be available for downloading from the Timber website (<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber>).

The secretariat proposes the following timetable:

Monday 14 May	Morning	Items 1-2
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Tuesday 15 May	Morning	Item 3
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Wednesday 16 May	Morning	Items 5 (cont.), 6, 7
	Afternoon	Items 7 (cont.), 8, 9, 10

Thursday and Friday will be devoted to a meeting of the national correspondents for Joint FAO/ECE/Eurostat/ITTO Forest sector Questionnaire, making it possible to reduce the time spent on item 4.

However, given the complexity of some issues, this timetable should only be considered indicative and it may be changed.

Item 1 : Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the first item on the agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 : European Forest Sector Outlook Studies (EFSOS):

The Working Party will be informed of progress and of plans for the next two years, and invited to review and comment on these plans.

Item 3 : Forest Resource Assessment

The Working Party will be invited to evaluate TBFRA-2000 and FRA 2000, and review plans for future resource assessment work.

Item 4 : Review of collection and dissemination of statistics:

Delegates will be invited to review the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire, role of national correspondents, use of website, feedback from users, and other related issues.

Item 5 : Market analysis and forecasts:

The Working Party will be invited to review publications, organisation of market discussions, and the mandate and functions of the proposed team of specialists.

Item 6 : Interorganization co-operation on forest and forest products statistics

Delegates will be informed of the activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.

Item 7 : Programme of work for 2001-2005

The Working Party will be invited to approve a work programme on the basis of the discussions under other items, as well as the instructions by parent bodies and the resources likely to be available. It will also be briefed on and invited to comment on the results of the strategic review of the integrated ECE/FAO programme of work, and to discuss in more general terms its role in the revised system.

Item 8 : Any other business

At the time of writing the secretariat has no matters for discussion under this item.

Item 9 : Election of officers

The Working Party is expected to elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen. At its twenty-second session, the Working Party elected Mr. D. Brooks (USA) Chairman and Messrs J. Stolp (the Netherlands) and M. Gecovic (Slovakia) Vice-Chairmen to hold office until the end of the twenty-third session.

Item 10 : Adoption of the report

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

