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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY- THIRD SESSION
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 September 2005

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Opening of the meeting

Mrs. B. Schmögnerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE, or her representative, will open the sixty-third session of the Timber Committee.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/TIM/2005/1)

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda.

Item 2. Matters arising from the sixtieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to the Committee (TIM/2005/1)

The Committee will be informed of the decisions adopted by the Commission at its sixtieth session, held in February 2005, which have a bearing on the work of the Committee, as well as other decisions and developments, including notably the results of the external evaluation of ECE's activities which is being carried out. The Committee will be invited to take these decisions into account when adopting its programme of work under provisional agenda item 6.

Item 3. UNECE/FAO in a changing international environment: briefing and discussion of recent developments (TIM/2005/2)

The Committee will be briefed on developments, e.g. the FAO Committee on Forests (COFO), the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) and the Ministerial Conference on Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) and invited to take these into account when deciding on future work.

Item 4. Market developments in 2005 and prospects for 2006 (TIM/2005/3)

Delegations will be invited to review developments in 2005 and prospects for 2006 on the basis of the *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2004-2005 (Timber Bulletin, ECE/TIM/BULL/2005/3)*, countries' written statements countries' market forecasts and expert presentations. An agreed statement synthesizing the discussions and forecasts will be prepared during the session and published immediately afterwards as a press release. A note by the secretariat will provide further information for the market discussions and country market statements.

a. Market discussions

The market discussions' theme, linking to the following policy forum, will be forest certification policies' influence on forest products markets in the UNECE region. The discussions will include the following topics, (but their order may be different):

- Policy implications of forest products market developments
- Economic impacts on forest products;
- Value-added wood products;
- Sawn softwoods;
- Sawn hardwoods, temperate and tropical;
- Panels, including particle board, plywood and fibreboard, OSB and MDF;
- Wood raw materials, including woodfuel;
- Certified forest products.

b. Country market statements (printed and *electronic format*)

Delegations are reminded that their country market statements in English, French or Russian, are expected to reach the secretariat¹ by 5 September 2005. In preparing statements, please refer to specific instructions in the session announcement letter or on the website. Reports are requested in both printed and electronic format. The printed report (120 copies) will be distributed on the first day of the session, and an electronic copy for pre-distribution on the Timber Committee/European Forestry Commission website.

c. Country forecasts

Country forecasts for 2005 and 2006 (prepared on the basis of the Timber Committee Questionnaire to be sent out by the secretariat at end July 2005) should be submitted not later than 5 September 2005. Supplementary copies of the questionnaire may be obtained from the secretariat on request, or from the website.

d. Drafting Committee

It is proposed that the Drafting Committee meet at 0830 hours on Friday, 30 September to consider the draft of the report concerning market developments and prospects, which will be approved by the Committee under item 12 of the provisional agenda.

Item 5. Policy forum: *Forest Certification-Do governments have a role?* (TIM/2005/4)

The bureaux decided that the theme of the one day policy forum in 2005 should be ***Forest Certification-Do governments have a role?*** The forum should aim to stimulate discussion of this important and topical theme, with the participation of government officials and a wide range of other stakeholders. The discussion will be centred on two major questions:

- Must Governments play a role in forest certification to promote sustainable forest management?
- Forest certification is an obstacle to trade, yet intended to promote SFM: how can governments promote sustainable trade of timber and wood products?

Governments will be invited to address these issues in their country statements, which will thus prepare the discussion.

A secretariat note will provide further information about the speakers and the organisation of the policy forum. Governments are invited to include in the delegation for that day officials concerned with certification issues and others who may be interested in this topic.

Item 6. Review of activities since the sixty-second session and programme of work to 2008
(TIM/2005/5)

The Committee will be informed of activities since the sixty-second session and invited to comment, and to approve its programme for the period from 2006 to 2008. In addition, a draft of the Biennial Programme Plan for 2008-2009 will be submitted to the Committee for review and comments.

Item 7. Election of officers

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Committee is expected to elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, who will hold office until the end of the sixty-fourth session. At the sixty-second session, Mr. Heikki Pajuojä (Finland), Chairman, and Messrs. Florian Borlea (Romania) and Johann Dengg (Germany) Vice-Chairmen, were elected to hold office until the end of the sixty-third session.

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Item 8. Any other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item.

Item 9. Date and place of next session

Provided that conference services are available, the week of 16-20 October 2006 has been provisionally reserved for the sixty-fourth session of the Committee to be held in Geneva. The latter date corresponds with the proposed joint market discussions with the European Softwood Conference.

Item 10. Adoption of the report

The Committee will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. According to the UNECE Plan of Action, the report will be short and decision oriented. However, the Committee will be invited to approve formally the market statement based on the discussions under item 4, and approved by the Drafting Committee on Friday morning.



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