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FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. A plenary session on Forests and Climate change will take place during the European Forest Week on Tuesday, 21 October 2008. During this session, keynote speakers will present the facts on forests and climate change, and the implications for forest policy, followed by a plenary discussion.
2. A background paper for consideration at this plenary session will be issued at a later stage, to present the linkages between forests and climate change and possible responses of the forest sector to emerging climate change challenges and opportunities, and to highlight pertinent questions. The background paper shall stimulate a lively and well informed discussion by providing the reader with background information and proposing questions which participants in the session may wish to address during the discussion.¹
3. Participants are invited to share their views on forest and climate change, addressing if they wish the questions set out in the background paper to be issued before the session. The Chair will prepare a summary of the discussions, on his own responsibility, which will be tabled at the end of the week.

¹This document was mandated by the Timber Committee at its 65th session. The report of this session is on the Committee website in English only (<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/tc-docs.htm>).