Agenda Item 4.b.
Matters arising from the 70th session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

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Specific substantive activities

• Agenda Item 6 d: Review of 2013 activities, list of activities for 2014 and publications for 2014-2017

• Presentation later on joint Committee (COFFI)/Commission (EFC) matters

• The contribution of forests to economic development

• Paper on “Forests and Economic Development” prepared for UNFF 10 (presented in side event)
Specific substantive activities

• Proposal for a joint UNECE/FAO Russian Federation meeting on wood energy
• Meeting on “Forest Products and Technologies for the Future” organized in 22 - 24 May 2013, St. Petersburg
• Proposal to organize a 2nd European Forest Week from 9-13 December was endorsed
• Here we are
Specific substantive activities

- Change of Committee’s name

- Now “Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry”, COFFI

- Committee reviewed the “Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy“ and Programme of Work, and decided to organize Special Session in June 2013 to review them

- Special Session of COFFI with the FAO EFC organized in Geneva on 17-18 June 2013
Specific substantive activities

• Paragraph 76. “Based on the COFO recommendation for FAO to consider establishing regional bodies similar to the Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products (ACPWP), delegations endorsed a recommendation for the secretariat to explore the possibility of establishing one for the ECE region, to ascertain the interest of potential participants and to draft terms of reference for such a committee for further discussion and approval by the Committee and the Commission at their next session.”

• No positive response from FAO on this
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