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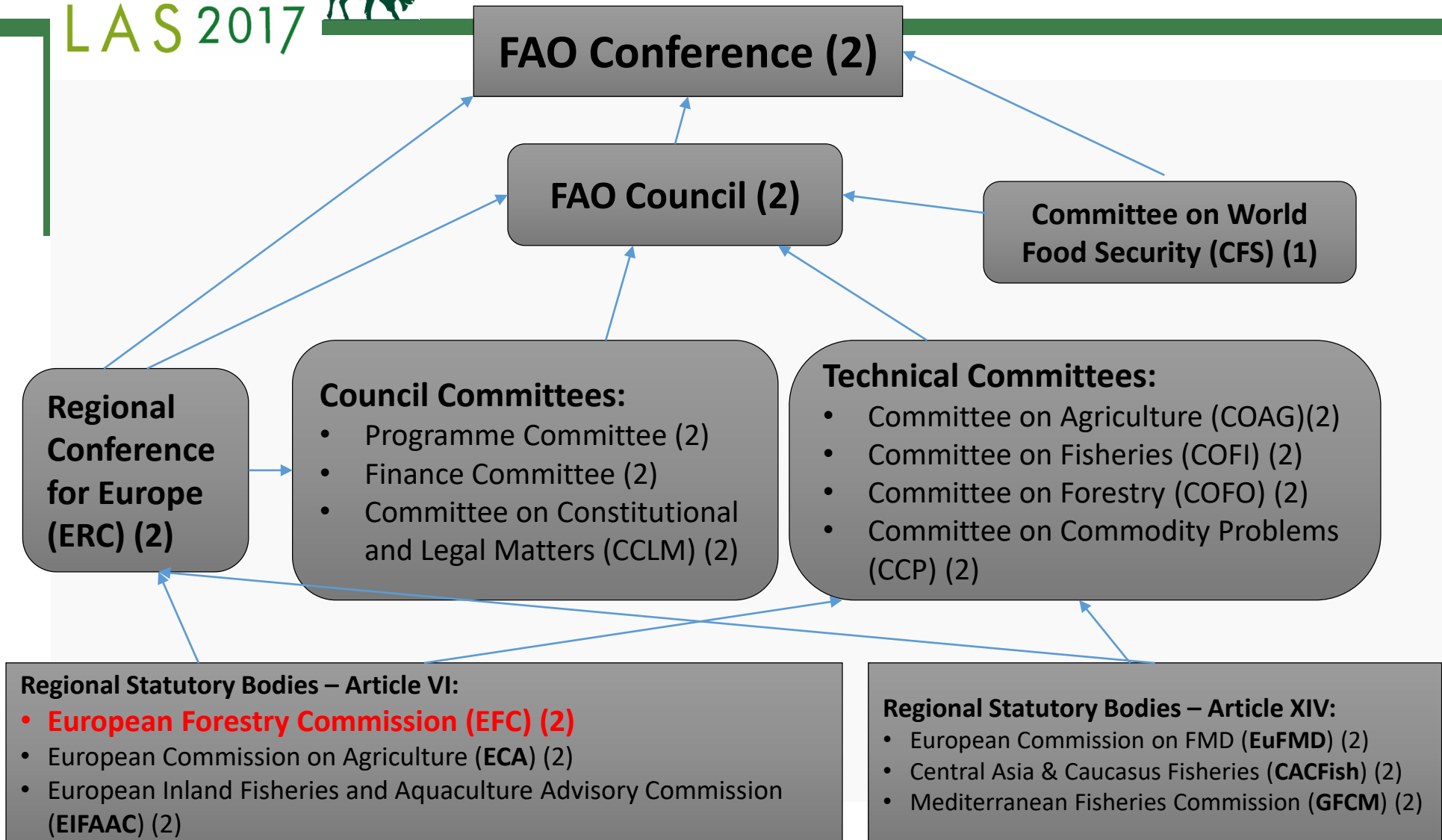
Agenda item 4k: Frequency of EFC sessions



**Las2017 - Joint Session of the ECE Committee on Forests and
the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission**
9-13 October 2017, Warsaw, Poland

FAO reporting lines and reporting cycles

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Mandate and purpose of European Forestry Commission



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Mandate: Statutory body, FAO Constitution, Article VI

Purpose:

To advise on the formulation of forest policy and to review and coordinate its implementation at the regional level; to exchange information and, generally through special Subsidiary Bodies, advise on suitable practices and action with regard to technical and economic problems, and to make appropriate recommendations in relation to the foregoing.



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Rule IV: Sessions

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1. The Commission shall hold sessions at such periodic intervals as shall be requested by a majority of the Members of the Commission or considered necessary by the Director-General of the Organization, but in principle *every* second year.
2. The sessions of the Commission shall be convened, and the place where they are to be held shall be determined, by the Director-General of the Organization after consultation with the Chairman and the competent authorities of the host country.
3. Notice of the date and place of each session of the Commission shall be communicated to all the Members of the Commission at least two months before the session.



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Rule VIII: Records and Report



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1. At each session the Commission shall approve a report embodying its views, recommendations and decisions, including, when requested, a statement of minority views. Such other records, for its own use, as the Commission may on occasion decide, shall also be maintained.
2. The conclusions and recommendations of the Commission shall be transmitted at the close of each session to the Director-General of the Organization, who shall circulate them to Members of the Commission, nations and international organizations that were represented at the session for their information and, upon request, to other Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization.



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Rule X: Expenses

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3. Recommendations having policy, programme or financial implications for the Organization shall be brought by the Director-General to the attention of the Conference or Council of the Organization for appropriate action.

4. Any financial operations of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies and *ad hoc* meetings shall be governed by the appropriate provisions of the Financial Regulations of the Organization.



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Rule XII: Amendments and suspension of rules

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1. Amendment of, or additions to, these Rules may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission, provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the amendment or addition has been given. Amendments or additions to these Rules shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General of the Organization.
2. Any of the above Rules of the Commission, other than Rule 1-1, Rule 11-4, Rule IV-2 and 6, Rule V-6, Rule VI-2, Rule VII, Rule VIII-3 and 4, Rule IX-5 and 6, Rule X and Rule XII-1, may be suspended by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given. Such notice may be waived if no representative of the Members of the Commission objects.



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Secretariat conclusion

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- EFC sessions are aligned with FAO governing bodies (COFO, ERC), other RFCs meetings and the reporting cycle;
- The Organization's PWB has been approved accordingly by the FAO Conference;



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Thank you!



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