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Joint Bureaux Meeting

18 September 2007, Starting at 9:30 hrs

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room A.R.

Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Arrangements for chairing the meeting
3. Preparations for the sixty-fifth session of the UNECE Timber Committee, 8-11 October 2007
4. Preparations for the Pan-European Forest Week, October 2008
5. Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work
 - 5.1 FAO/UNECE Strategy for Countries in Transition
6. Planning of the 2007/2008 Strategic Review of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission integrated programme of work on forests and timber
 - 6.1 User Survey of Outputs: Main results
7. Dates of next bureaux meeting 2008
8. Any other business.

Timetable

The secretariat proposes the following timetable:

Morning: items 1-5
Lunch (8th floor) Delegates' lounge
Afternoon: items 6-8, unfinished items.

Notes

Item 2- Arrangements for chairing the meeting

According to previous practice, the Chairs of the Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission have co-chaired bureaux meetings.

Item 3- Preparations for the Timber Committee session

The bureaux will be informed of preparations for the sixty-fifth session of the Timber Committee, 8-11 October 2007, encompassing joint market discussions with the International Softwood Conference.

Item 4- Preparations for the Pan-European Forest Week, October 2008

The Pan-European Forest Week and in this context a possible joint or back-to-back meeting between the TC/EFC and the MCPFE were discussed during a first meeting of the joint bureaux with the General Coordinating Committee (GCC) of the MCPFE on 22 May 2007 in Geneva. Information on the status of preparations for the Pan-European Forest Week will be shared along with a draft provisional agenda. *The bureaux will be invited to express their views on the preparations, including the draft provisional outline, for the Pan-European Forest Week.*

Item 5- Progress report on implementation of the programme of work: Strategy for CITs

According to the Strategic Review, monitoring of the implementation of the programme is the responsibility of the bureaux. As the Secretariat reported to the bureaux on the implementation of the programme of work during the last regular bureaux meeting on 23 March 2007, it is proposed that this meeting review primarily the UNECE/FAO strategy for countries in transition in its revised form, as agreed at the previous meeting. *The bureaux will be invited to comment upon and endorse the revised UNECE/FAO strategy for countries in transition.*

Item 6- Strategic Review: User Survey of Outputs

At the last meeting on 23 March 2007, the bureaux reviewed and endorsed the planning for the 2007/08 Strategic Review and Plan of the UNECE/FAO integrated programme of work, to be presented also by the Timber Committee (background document [ECE/TIM/2007/4](#)). As planned, the Secretariat conducted a user survey of outputs from July-September 2007. The bureaux will be presented with the results of this survey, covering publications, the newsletter, press releases, the website, databases and meetings. The results of this self-evaluation will provide input to the Strategic Review. *The bureaux will be encouraged to reflect upon recommendations, arising from the results of the user survey, input to the Strategic Review process and implications for the future programme of work.*

Item 7- Dates of next bureaux meeting

At its meeting in 2006 the bureaux agreed to meet twice a year. *The bureaux will be invited to decide on the dates of its next meeting in 2008.*

Item 8- Any other business

None at present.