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Dear National Correspondent,

As agreed by Forestry Ministers at the MCPFE Conference “*Living Forest Summit*” in April 2003 in Vienna, the UNECE/FAO Timber Branch continues to coordinate the implementation and monitoring of the resolution H3 on “*Forestry Cooperation with Countries with Economies in Transition*”, whereby signatory countries and the European Union made a number of commitments to strengthen their cooperation with this group of countries.

The key tool for monitoring and coordination of activities in this area is an Access database, which was developed by the UNECE/FAO with the direct input from the signatory countries and which is available on the Timber Branch website (<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/h3/h3.htm>).

Please find in the attachment the list of projects available in the H3 database, and which is currently out of date. We would need your help in providing the data on the new (or missing in the database) H3 related projects carried out with the participation of your country (organisation). There are two possibilities to send us this information:

1. You can download the H3 database from the Timber Branch website and enter new data directly into the database by using “Enter new data form” in the main menu. The entered data are transferred into a small H3 new database, which can be sent to the secretariat by e-mail. You are advised to read carefully the detailed User’s guide to the H3 database, which is also available on the website.
2. If you have difficulties with using the MS Access, you can also provide us data on the new projects by filling the attached questionnaire. Please respond to the maximum possible (if not all) of questions in the questionnaire. The questionnaire should be send back to the secretariat by e-mail (helena.simkova@unece.org). If you have difficulties in accessing e-mail, you can also send it by fax (fax: + 41-22-917 00 41).

We would highly appreciate if you could send us data on the new projects, either by using the H3 database or by filling the questionnaire, by **15 August 2003**.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (Ms. Helena Simkova or myself) or Mr. Peter Csoka (Csoka.Peter@aeszh.hu), who is also working on the upgrading/updating the database.

Thank you in advance for your kind collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: - Questionnaire on projects for cooperation and assistance to countries with economies in transition
- List of projects for cooperation and assistance to countries with economies in transition