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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Thirty-sixth session**

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**Annotated provisional agenda for the joint session of the
Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission**

to be held in Antalya, Turkey, starting at 10:30 a.m.

I. Provisional agenda

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 - (a) Sustainable consumption and production of forest products;
 - (b) Low-carbon forest sector;
 - (c) Green jobs in the forest sector;
 - (d) Biodiversity, and valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services;
 - (e) Monitoring and governance in the forest sector.
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9. Joint Committee/Commission matters:
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 - (b) Proposed revision of the terms of reference for the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics;
 - (c) Towards the 2013 Strategic Review of the integrated Programme of Work on Forestry and Timber;
 - (d) Review of activities and the programme of work for 2011;
 - (e) Review of activities in the International Year of Forests.
10. UNECE Timber Committee matters:
 - (a) Matters arising from the sixty-fourth session of the UNECE;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Date and place of next session.
11. FAO European Forestry Commission matters:
 - (a) FAO climate change activities since the thirty-fifth session of the Commission;
 - (b) Preparation of a long-term strategy for the Forest Resource Assessment programme;
 - (c) FAO Committee on Forestry Multi-Year Programme of Work for the period 2012-2015;
 - (d) Review of the mandate and modus operandi of the EFC Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds;
 - (e) Recommendations to be drawn to the attention of the twenty-eighth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and the twenty-first session of the FAO Committee on Forestry;
 - (f) Election of officers;
 - (g) Date and place of next session.
12. Any other business.
13. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session.

II. Annotations of the provisional agenda

Opening

The joint meeting of the bureaux of the Committee and Commission have proposed that the chairs of the two bodies co-chair the joint session.

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with both bodies' rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda.

2. Thesis award

The winner of the 2011 UNECE/FAO Thesis Award on Sustainable Forest Management will be announced and invited to deliver a presentation of his/her thesis.

3. Keynote speech on the Green Economy

An internationally renowned expert will deliver a keynote speech on the Green Economy.

4. State of UNECE forests

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/2; FO:EFC/2011/2

The Secretariat will deliver a presentation on the status of forests in the UNECE region drawing from the findings of the State of Europe's Forests 2011 report and the FAO Global Forest Resource Assessment 2010.

5. Outlook studies: The future of forests in Europe

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/INF.4; FO: EFC/2011/INF.4

The Committee and the Commission will be presented with the European Forest Sector Outlook Study which presents different future scenarios, based on different assumptions about future developments, and analyses the impact/outcome of these developments on forests and forest markets. Delegates will be invited to discuss the different scenarios and their implications for the forest sector. Delegates will also be briefed on the latest developments concerning the North American and Russian Forest Sector Outlook Studies. As an example of a national study, the Swedish outlook study will also be presented.

6. UNECE/FAO Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/3; FO: EFC/2011/3

The Committee and Commission will be presented with the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy prepared under the auspices of UNECE/FAO on the basis of an open consultation with member States and stakeholders, consolidated by the secretariat and reviewed by a stakeholder consultation in May 2011.

7. Special segment on the Green Economy

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/4; FO: EFC/2011/4

Delegates are invited to discuss the ECE/FAO Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy through a series of roundtable sessions with the following themes:

- (a) Sustainable consumption and production of forest products**
- (b) Low-carbon forest sector**
- (c) Green jobs in the forest sector**
- (d) Biodiversity, and valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services**
- (e) Monitoring and governance in the forest sector**

8. Market Discussions

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/5; FO: EFC/2011/5 and ECE/TIM/2011/6; FO: EFC/2011/6

The annual Timber Committee Market Discussions will be held jointly with the European Forestry Commission with the theme “Forest Products - contributing to the Green Economy”. The main Market Discussions will take place on Thursday morning 13 October following a session on Wednesday afternoon 12 October beginning with an overview of the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR), a keynote address and three to four presentations on topical subjects.

Delegations will be invited to review and discuss developments in 2010 and 2011 as well as prospects for 2012 based on the FPAMR 2010-2011, countries' market statements and forecasts. A statement summarizing the discussions and forecasts will be prepared and published afterwards as a press release.

(a) Forest Products - contributing to the Green Economy

The discussion theme is “Forest Products - contributing to the Green Economy”. The session will cover the broad market and policy developments related to the green economy across the range of market sectors.

(b) Country market statements

Delegations are invited to submit country market statements based on a suggested outline that will be issued as a secretariat request to heads of delegation. Country reports are in electronic format only and will be posted in advance on the Timber Committee/ European Forestry Commission website. Timber Committee delegations are reminded that their country market statements in English, French or Russian should be received by the secretariat not later than 12 September.

(c) Country market forecasts

Country market forecasts for 2011 and 2012 are prepared on the basis of a questionnaire to be sent out by the secretariat before the end of July 2011. Replies should be submitted to the secretariat not later than 12 September. Supplementary copies of the questionnaire may be obtained from the secretariat on request, or from the website.

(d) Production of Market Statement

A draft Market Statement will be posted on the Internet before the session on the morning of 13 October. Together with the presentations from the session on 12 October, this will form the basis for the market discussions. Discussion will centre on the broad messages for inclusion in the Market Statement, and less on detailed wording. The secretariat will post a final draft of the report on the Internet following the close of the discussions.

9. Joint Committee/Commission matters

(a) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in a changing international environment: briefing and discussion of recent developments

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/7; FO: EFC/2011/7

Delegates will be briefed on developments of relevance to their work within processes and organizations such as the United Nations Forum on Forests, Forest Europe (Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe), the United Nations Environmental Programme, and others. The Committee and the Commission will be invited to take these into account when deciding on their future work.

(b) Proposed revision of the terms of reference for the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/8; FO: EFC/2011/8

The Committee and Commission are invited to consider a proposal to revise the terms of reference of the UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.

(c) Towards the 2013 Strategic Review of the integrated Programme of Work on Forestry and Timber

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/9; FO: EFC/2011/9

Delegates will be informed of the planning for and approach to the 2013 Strategic Review of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission integrated programme of work on timber and forestry. The outcome of the strategic review process will determine priorities up to 2017. The Committee and the Commission are invited to discuss and review the plans, provide additional ideas or suggestions, and authorize the Secretariat to implement them.

(d) Review of activities and the programme of work for 2011

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/10; FO: EFC/2011/10;

ECE/TIM/2011/10/Add.1; FO: EFC/2011/10/Add.1

Delegates will be informed of implemented activities since the sixty-eighth session of the Timber Committee and will also be presented with a provisional list of outputs for 2012. In addition, the Timber Committee will be requested to consider and endorse the ECE programme of work, evaluation plan and list of publications for the biennium 2012-13.

(e) Review of activities in the International Year of Forests

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/11; FO: EFC/2011/11

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 the International Year of Forests to raise awareness and strengthen sustainable forest management, conservation and

sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations. Delegates will be informed of activities undertaken by UNECE and FAO to celebrate the International Year of Forests.

10. UNECE Timber Committee matters

(a) Matters arising from the sixty-fourth session of the UNECE

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/12; FO: EFC/2011/12

Delegates will be informed of decisions relevant to the work of the Timber Committee and the joint ECE/FAO programme of work on timber and forestry, adopted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at its sixty-fourth session, held on 29 to 31 March 2011. Delegates will be invited to take these decisions and developments into account for future activities.

(b) Election of officers

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/13; FO: EFC/2011/13

The Committee is expected to elect its Chair and vice-chairs, who will hold office until the end of the seventieth session. At the sixty-eighth session, Ms. Linda Langner (United States), Chair, Mr. Branko Glavonjic (Serbia) and Mr. Heikki Granholm (Finland) as vice-chairs, were elected to hold office until the end of the sixty-ninth session. A proposal on new modalities for election of officers will also be tabled for consideration by the Committee.

(c) Date and place of next session

Provided that conference services are available, the week of 15-19 October 2012 has been provisionally reserved for the seventieth session of the Committee to be held in Geneva.

11. FAO European Forestry Commission matters

(a) FAO climate change activities since the thirty-fifth session of the Commission

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/14; FO: EFC/2011/14

Delegates will be briefed on the activities on forests and climate change including information on regional analyses and exchange of experiences on forests and climate change, development of tools for integrating climate change into the forest sector at policy and field levels, and activities related to capacity strengthening and information generation and dissemination. The Commission will be invited to review progress.

(b) Preparation of a long-term strategy for the Forest Resource Assessment programme

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/15; FO: EFC/2011/15

Delegates will be informed of the draft Global Forest Resources Assessment Long-Term Strategy and the status of planning for FRA 2015. The outcome of the long-term strategy process will guide FRA development until 2030. The Commission will be invited to discuss and review the draft strategy and provide additional ideas or suggestions.

(c) FAO Committee on Forestry Multi-Year Programme of Work for the period 2012-2015

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/16; FO: EFC/2011/16

The Committee on Forestry, at its last session, requested the secretariat “to prepare, in consultation with the Steering Committee, a draft Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) for the period 2012-2015 for consideration at its 21st Session in 2012”. The Commission will be provided with an update on this work for its consideration.

(d) Review of the mandate and modus operandi of the EFC Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2011/17; FO: EFC/2011/17

The Secretariat will present the findings of the review of the mandate and modus operandi of the Working Party and the outcome of the deliberations of this item at the twenty-eighth session. The Commission will be invited to consider these inputs and make recommendations for the future direction of the Working Party.

(e) Recommendations to be drawn to the attention of the twenty-eighth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and the twenty-first session of the FAO Committee on Forestry

The Commission will be requested to consider the topics recommended to be considered at the twenty-eighth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and the twenty-first session of the FAO Committee on Forestry in September 2012.

(f) Election of officers

In accordance with its rules of procedure and established practice, the Commission is expected to elect a Chair and three vice-chairs, who will hold office until the end of the thirty-seventh session. At the thirty-fifth session, Mr. Peter Blombäck (Sweden), Chair, Ms. Conceição Ferreira (Portugal), Mr. Andrey Filipchuk (Russian Federation) and Mr. İsmail Belen (Turkey), vice-chairs, were elected to hold office until the end of the thirty-sixth session.

(g) Date and place of next session

The next session of the European Forestry Commission is scheduled to take place in 2013. It is proposed that, to enhance synergies with the Timber Committee and in light of the needs related to the review of the programme of work, the next session of the European Forest Commission be organised jointly with the UNECE Timber Committee in October 2013.

12. Any other business

None at the time of writing.

13. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session.

The Committee and the Commission will be invited to adopt the report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

III. Tentative timetable

Timber Committee, Sixty-ninth session and European Forestry Commission, Thirty-sixth session

Monday, 10 October 2011

- 10:30 Opening of session and welcome remarks
- 11:15-13:00 Item 1. Adoption of the agenda
 Item 2. Thesis Award
 Item 3. Keynote speech on the Green Economy
 Item 4. State of UNECE Forests
- 15:00-18:00 Item 5. Outlook Studies: The future of forests in Europe
 Item 6. UNECE/FAO Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

Tuesday, 11 October 2011

- 10:00-13:00 Item 7. Special Segment on the Green Economy
 Roundtable discussions:
 Theme 1: Sustainable consumption and production of forest products
 Theme 2: Low-Carbon Forest Sector
- 15:00-18:00 Roundtable discussions:
 Theme 3: Green jobs in the forest sector
 Theme 4: Biodiversity, and valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services

Wednesday, 12 October 2011

- 10:00-13:00 Roundtable discussions:
 Theme 5: Monitoring and governance in the forest sector
 Summary and Conclusion of Special Segment
 Take Home Messages
- 15:00-18:00 Item 8. Market Discussions

Thursday, 13 October 2011

- 10:00-13:00 Item 8. Market Discussions (continued)
- 15:00-18:00 Item 9. Joint TC/EFC matters
 Item 10. UNECE Timber Committee matters

Friday, 14 October 2011

- 10:00-13:00 Item 11. FAO European Forestry Commission matters
- 15:00-18:00 Item 12. Any other business
 Item 13. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session