Report from the ToS on Monitoring SFM

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Reporting period: April 2018 – March 2019
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- provided input to the reporting of the Global Forest Resources (FRA) 2020 and the FRA reporting on SDGs
  - procedures and data providers for the annual SDGs indicator updates need to be understood and clarified (discussion initiated)
- provided input to the process of the pan–European reporting
  - recommendation for a common IT tool for both national reports (quantitative indicators) in the future
- Members supported UNECE/FAO activities and outputs
  - initiatives in the Caucasus and Central Asia region (eight countries)
  - forest ownership information database
- prepared and clarified contents of a questionnaire on forest damage reporting
  - questionnaire on national assessment and reporting methods will be launched now
- established a network of experts to advance collaboration in the field of forest data banks and data formats
  - network organisation is of tentative character and informal in its nature

Outputs and impacts achieved during last year

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Outputs and impacts expected for coming year

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- improved definitions, related guidelines and reporting formats for national forest damage reporting
  - based on a questionnaire survey on current methods and available data
- recommendations and support to the annual SDGs reporting
  - dialog on formats and modalities of FRA and other data
- review of national questionnaire on forest ownership
  - preparation of intermediate (update) and next cycle reporting
- analysis of data (exchange) formats and database requirements
  - to improve the long-term efficiency and consistency of national reporting
- advise to the Joint Section on data dissemination and processing
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- Questionnaire on national forest damage assessment will be launched in April.
  - Proposal for improved modalities for forest damage reporting expected by the end of the year.

- Continuous data provisioning and real-time information demand are almost reality (annual SDGs, annual inventory systems).
  - Related technical (IT) systems for improved and efficient data and information provisioning start to attract the attention of the Team.

- Regardless of these positive developments, efforts to fill remaining forest information gaps in parts of UNECE region and worldwide are still of highest priority.
  - Team supports, if possible, and highly recognizes such initiatives (e.g. the UNECE and other engagement in the Caucasus and Central Asia regions).
Thank you!

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