A. OBJECTIVES

Raise awareness of gender structures in forestry and use this information to promote good and equal opportunities for men and women in the sector.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:
1. Gender equality guidelines
2. Final report on gender and forestry, possibly submitted to the fifth MCPFE

B. BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY
The joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 5-9 October 2004 endorsed the proposal of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training’s Steering Committee (16th session, October 2003 in Slovakia, Ref. Doc: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2003/2)

DURATION
From May 2004 and lasting 24 months to May 2006

METHODS OF WORK
- Launch case studies into specific aspects of gender and forestry, including family-owned forests
- Review relevant data
- Disseminate information about national experiences, in particular success measures and good practices
- Develop criteria and indicators to reflect gender aspects in sustainable forest management
- Organise follow-up meeting to the seminar in Portugal focusing on gender in forestry. It should be used as an opportunity to monitor change in gender balance and equal opportunities
- Promote national networks of women in forestry.

REPORTING
Intermediate reporting to UNECE/FAO; to Bureaux; and to both the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission when work is completed.

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