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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the joint session
of the Committee on Forests and the Forest
Industry and the European Forestry Commission**

to be held in Warsaw, Poland, starting on 9 October 2017 at 3 p.m.

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 - ii. Forests and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
 - iii. Forests and the Paris Agreement;
 - (b) Regional cooperation;
 - (c) Seventieth anniversary of the ECE/FAO Partnership;
 - (d) Report of the Working Party;
 - (e) Review of 2017 activities, and activities and publications planned for 2018;
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 - (d) Forest and Landscape Restoration work under climate change conditions in the region;
 - (e) Progress of *Silva Mediterranea* and the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds;
 - (f) Strengthening FAO's work on boreal and temperate forests;
 - (g) Contributions of FAO's work in forestry to the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of FAO-REU Regional Initiatives;
 - (h) The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) High-level Panel of Experts (HLPE) study on Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition;
 - (i) A new strategic document for FAO in forestry;
 - (j) FAO contributions to the global process;
 - (k) Frequency of the EFC sessions;
 - (l) Contributions to FAO governance;

- (m) Election of officers, date and place of next meeting;
- (n) Any other business.

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

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

For the timing of agenda items, please refer to the schedule on the last two pages of this document.

Opening

The session will be preceded by a high-level segment organized by the Polish Ministry of Environment to take place at the meeting venue from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The opening of the European Forest Week (EFW) will take place at 2.30 p.m. The official session of the Committee and the Commission will begin at 3 p.m.

In accordance with past practice, the Bureaux of the Committee and Commission have suggested that the Chairs of the two bodies co-chair the joint session.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/1; FO:EFC/2017/1

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

Item 2. Joint Committee/Commission matters

(a) Global Forest Policy Matters

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/3; FO:EFC/2017/3

The meeting will be informed about policy developments at the global level, which have a bearing on the work of the Committee and the Commission. In particular, updates will be provided on:

- i. The UN Strategic Plan on Forests (UNSPF)¹ and the regional input to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF);
- ii. Forests and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
- iii. Forests and the Paris Agreement.

Delegates are invited to take note of the information provided and to make recommendations for the future work of the Committee and the Commissions in this regard. Outcomes under this agenda item will be subject to decisions taken under agenda item 2(h), which considers the Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW).

¹ http://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/UNSPF_AdvUnedited.pdf.

(b) Regional cooperation

Delegates will be informed about on-going cooperation at the regional level, including work with Forest Europe as well as possible cooperation with other regional organizations (e.g. EFI). Delegates will be invited to comment on on-going cooperation and make recommendations for future work.

(c) Seventieth anniversary of the ECE/FAO Partnership

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/Inf.1; FO:EFC/2017/Inf.1

The delegate of the Czech Republic will report on the celebrations of the seventieth anniversary of the partnership between the Committee and the Commission, held in Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic, from 5 to 7 September 2017, including on an expert meeting on certification and a high level panel on the future of ECE/FAO cooperation in the region. The delegate will also present the outcome of the meeting. Delegates will be invited to take note of the information and to make recommendations, as appropriate.

(d) Report of the Working Party

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2017/2

The report of the thirty-ninth session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 29 to 31 March 2017, will be presented to the Committee and the Commission for their consideration.

(e) Review of 2017 activities, and activities and publications planned for 2018

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/4; FO:EFC/2017/4

Delegates will be informed of activities implemented in 2017 and will also be presented with a provisional list of outputs and a provisional list of publications for 2018. Delegates will be invited to endorse the document. Outcomes under this agenda item will be subject to decisions taken under agenda item 2(h), which considers the Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW).

(f) Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA2020), enhanced and streamlined international reporting

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/5; FO:EFC/2017/5

Delegates will be updated on the preparation of the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020. Preparations for FRA2020 are carried out in a highly cooperative manner, with the participation of major global and regional forest related organizations and processes. Delegates will also be informed about the proposal of strengthening collaboration on the Common Forest Resources Questionnaire through joint Forest Europe, FAO and ECE 2020 data collection on the pan-European indicators, which is planned to be carried out simultaneously with the global reporting. The Commission and the Committee will be invited to take note, discuss and to make recommendations on the FRA process in the region.

(g) System for the Evaluation of Management of Forests (SEMAFOR)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/6; FO:EFC/2017/6

Criteria and Indicators (C&I) of sustainable forest management are meant to assess progress towards sustainable forest management, yet C&I have been utilized mostly to monitor and provide a framework for policy making and consensus building. In order to address this issue, the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

developed a proposal for a new tool to assess sustainability of forest management, the System for the Evaluation of the Management of Forests (SEMAFOR), based on the pan-European set of C&I, to objectively assess progress towards sustainable forest management. The proposed approach was tested by twenty European countries, which participated in the pilot application of SEMAFOR.² Delegates will be informed about the project, the tool, and its pilot application. The Committee and the Commission will be invited to review the results of the project and decide on the future of the tool, including possible application in the next cycle of the pan-European reporting.

(h) Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/7; FO:EFC/2017/7

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/8; FO:EFC/2017/8

Delegates will be presented with a draft Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW). The Committee and the Commission will be invited to review and adopt the programme, including the relevant Terms of Reference for the subsidiary bodies.

(i) Any other business

None at the time of writing.

Item 3. Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) matters

(a) Market discussions

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/9; FO:EFC/2017/9

Market discussions this year will focus on the sector's progress towards sustainable development and the role of forest products in climate change mitigation as well as discuss the Draft Forest Products Market Statement (ECE/TIM/2017/9; FO:EFC/2017/9). In particular, the segment will consist of:

- i. A keynote presentation on the role of the forest sector in climate change mitigation;
- ii. Discussions on forest products trends in the different sub-regions; and
- iii. A dialogue with the private sector.

The dialogue with the private sector will focus on how private and public interest could converge in the identification of solutions for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in and through forest products. Discussions will be supported by data and information collected and publications issued by the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, in particular the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2016-2017.

(b) Matters arising from the sixty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Delegates will be informed of decisions adopted by ECE at its sixty-seventh session held in Geneva, Switzerland in April 2017 that are relevant to the Integrated Programme of Work.

² A detailed description of the process, method and results of the pilot application of SEMAFOR are available in a thematic study at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45451>.

Delegates will be invited to take these decisions and developments into account when planning future activities.

(c) Matters arising from the seventy-fourth session of the Committee

The Committee will be informed about actions undertaken as a follow-up to the decision taken at its last session.

(d) Draft Rules of Procedure for the Committee

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/10; FO:EFC/2017/10

In line with the outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE (E/ECE/1468), and in accordance with the Guidelines on Procedures and Practices for ECE bodies adopted by ECE (E/2013/37-E/ECE/1464, annex III, appendix III), the Committee considered a document (ECE/TIM/2014/12) containing its draft rules of procedure at its seventy-second session held in Kazan, Russian Federation in November 2014. At that session, proposals were made by delegates and included in a second draft subsequently tabled at the seventy-third session of the Committee in Engelberg, Switzerland in November 2015. Additional comments were made at that session and are reflected in the current draft for the consideration of the Committee. The Committee is invited to consider these draft rules of procedure for adoption.

(e) Programme of Work and publications 2018-2019

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/11; FO:EFC/2017/11

Delegates will be invited to review and adopt the draft Programme of Work (PoW), including the number of meetings and related parliamentary documentation, for the ECE subprogramme for 2018-2019. The Committee will be also invited to recommend the draft PoW to the ECE Executive Committee for approval.

(f) Strategic Framework 2020-2021

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/12; FO:EFC/2017/12

Delegates will be invited to review and adopt the Strategic Framework for the ECE subprogramme for 2020-2021, as endorsed by the Bureau.

(g) Election of officers

The Committee is expected to elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the seventy-sixth session. At the seventy-fourth session, the following individuals were elected to hold office until the end of the seventy-fifth session: Ms. Marta Gaworska (Poland) as Chair, and Mr. Christoph Dürr (Switzerland), Mr. Guy Robertson (United States) and Ms. Maria Sokolenko (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chairs.

(h) Date and place of next meeting

Provided that conference services are available, the week of 15 to 19 October 2018 has been provisionally reserved for the seventy-sixth session of the Committee, to be held in Geneva if no country offers to host the meeting.

(i) Any other business

None at the time of writing.

Item 4. FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) matters

(a) Follow-up to the decisions of the thirty-eighth session of the European Forestry Commission

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/13; FO:EFC/2017/13

Delegates will be informed about how the decisions taken by the Commission at its thirty-eighth session (ECE/TIM/2015/2; FO:EFC/2015/2) have been implemented. The review of progress in implementing previous decisions pays special attention to some key issues, including global and regional developments, forest ecosystem services, disaster risk reduction and watershed management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, forest and landscape restoration and gender, youth and education.

(b) Forestry activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

Delegates will be informed on recent forestry activities implemented by the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (FAO-REU), and by the sub-regional Office for Central Asia (FAO-SEC). Delegates will be invited to provide guidance to FAO forestry work in the region.

(c) Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/14; FO:EFC/2017/14

A regional workshop for European and Central Asian countries was held in Hungary in June 2015 to promote the implementation of phytosanitary standards in forestry as well as discuss related forest health issues and other forest health activities in the region. Participants identified the need for a network or “platform” to share information and experiences and coordinate programmes and activities in relation to forest invasive species within the region and beyond. To initiate the establishment of a suitable “platform”, the FAO-REU organized a “Forest Invasive Species in Europe and Central Asia” meeting in Minsk, Belarus from 6 to 7 September 2016.

Delegates will discuss and make proposals to FAO and member States on the implementation of the work of the network.

(d) Forest and Landscape Restoration work under climate change conditions in the region

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/15; FO:EFC/2017/15

During the last session of EFC, delegates discussed the FAO Forests and Landscape Restoration (FLR) Mechanism and recommended FAO to continue to work on the implementation of the FLR Mechanism.

The secretariat will inform delegates about the implementation of the FLR Mechanism and invite them to provide recommendations to FAO and member States for regional level implementation of the FLR Mechanism.

(e) Progress of *Silva Mediterranea* and the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/16; FO:EFC/2017/16

Delegates will be briefed on the activities conducted under the auspices of *Silva Mediterranea*, including the State of Mediterranean Forests, the Strategic Framework for

Mediterranean Forests, the fifth Mediterranean Forest Week and activities of the EFC Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds.

(f) Strengthening FAO's work on boreal and temperate forests

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/17; FO:EFC/2017/17

The FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO) requested FAO to “strengthen its work on boreal and temperate forests and explore further options in this regard, such as, *inter alia*, participation in existing initiatives, bodies and processes and the establishment of a dedicated working group of COFO, and to present a detailed document with concrete proposals on that issue to its next session in 2018 under a separate agenda item” (COFO/2016/REP paragraph 34).

Delegates will discuss the issue and provide input for the elaboration of the proposal for the next session of COFO.

(g) Contributions of FAO's work in forestry to the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of FAO-REU Regional Initiatives

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/18; FO:EFC/2017/18

This is a joint agenda item for all FAO European regional technical commissions (forestry, agriculture and fisheries). Technical commissions will discuss the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of FAO-REU Regional Initiatives from their technical perspectives, and provide their recommendations to member Nations, the FAO European Regional Conference (ERC) and FAO/REU accordingly.

(h) The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) High-level Panel of Experts (HLPE) study on sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/19; FO:EFC/2017/19

The report of the 41st session of the CFS “requested the HLPE to undertake a study on “Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition, including the role of livestock” to be presented to CFS Plenary in 2016 and a study on “Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition” to be presented to CFS Plenary in 2017”.

Although CFS will meet from 9 to 13 October 2017, the outcome will not be available for most of the Regional Forestry Commissions (RFCs). The HLPE study summary and policy recommendations were launched on 27 June 2017 and thus available to the Commissions in good time for information. Commission members may also wish to take national action to allow for their views to be presented to CFS by the national delegations.

(i) A new strategic document for FAO in forestry

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/20; FO:EFC/2017/20

COFO requested FAO to “initiate a process for reviewing the FAO Strategy for Forests and Forestry in the light of recent developments, elaborate a new strategic document that was fully aligned with the FAO corporate Strategic Framework and the UNSPF and to present it to the twenty-fourth session of the Committee, after consultation with the Regional Forestry Commissions” (COFO/2016/REP paragraph 50.c). Commission members will be invited to provide guidance for the elaboration of a new strategic document.

(j) FAO contributions to the global process

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/21; FO:EFC/2017/21

Outcomes of the twenty-second session of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP22), of the thirteenth conference of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP13), and of the twelfth session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF12), including the UNSPF (see also paragraph 53.b of COFO/2016/REP), should be brought to the attention of the EFC together with the results in implementing paragraph 23.b of COFO/2016/REP (facilitating access to international climate funding) and provide inputs to FAO contributions to the global process.

(k) Frequency of the EFC sessions

The Commission will discuss the frequency of EFC sessions based on the information to be provided by the secretariat and decide on the frequency of EFC sessions, which is every second year in accordance with existing EFC rules.

(l) Contributions to FAO Governance

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2017/22; FO:EFC/2017/22

The Commission will be requested to recommend topics to be considered at the thirty-first session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) and the twenty-seventh session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO) in 2018. Delegates will be informed about relevant information from the fortieth session of the FAO Conference and FAO Council. The Commission will also identify its regional priorities for the FAO Forestry programme.

(m) Election of officers, date and place of next meeting

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-ninth session. At the thirty-eighth session, the following individuals/representatives were (re-)elected to hold office until the end of the thirty-eight session of EFC: Mr. Kenan Kilic (Turkey) as Chair; re-elected Mr. Rob Busink (The Netherlands) and Ms. Christine Farcy (Belgium) as Vice-Chairs; and elected Ms. Liubov Poliakova (Ukraine) as Vice-Chair.

(n) Any other business

None at the time of writing.

Item 5. 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

Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, seventy-fifth session and European Forestry Commission, thirty-ninth session

Monday, 9 October 2017

14:30 – 15:00		<i>Opening of the European Forest Week (EFW)</i>
15:00 – 15:15		Official opening of the joint session and welcome remarks
15:15 – 15:25	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
15:25 – 15:45	Item 2(d)	Report of the Working Party
15:45 – 16:15	Item 2(a)	Global Forest Policy Matters
16:15 – 16:30	Item 2(b)	Regional cooperation
16:30 – 16:45	Item 2(c)	Seventieth anniversary of the ECE/FAO Partnership
16:45 – 17:15	Item 2(g)	System for the Evaluation of Management of Forests
17:15 – 18:00	Item 2(h)	Introduction of the Integrated Programme of Work

Tuesday, 10 October 2017

10:00 – 13:00	Item 3(a)	Market discussions
15:00 – 16:30		i. A keynote presentation on the role of the forest sector in climate change mitigation ii. Discussions on forest products and trends in the different sub-regions; and iii. A dialogue with the private sector
16:30 – 16:45	Item 3(b)	Matters arising from the sixty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
16:45 – 17:00	Item 3(c)	Matters arising from the seventy-fourth session of the Committee
17:00 – 17:15	Item 3(d)	Draft Rules of Procedure for the Committee
17:15 – 17:30	Item 3(e)	Programme of Work and publications 2018-2019
17:30 – 17:45	Item 3(f)	Strategic Framework 2020-2021
17:45 – 17:50	Item 3(g)	Election of officers
17:50 – 17:55	Item 3(h)	Date and place of next meeting
17:55 – 18:00	Item 3(i)	Any other business

Wednesday, 11 October 2017

10:00 – 10:30	Item 4(a)	Follow-up to the decisions of the thirty-eighth session of the European Forestry Commission
10:30 – 11:15	Item 4(b)	Forestry activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia
11:15 – 11:45	Item 4(c)	Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia
11:45 – 12:15	Item 4(d)	Forest and Landscape Restoration work under climate change conditions in the region
12:15 – 13:00	Item 4(e)	Progress of <i>Silva Mediterranea</i> and the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds
15:00 – 15:45	Item 4(f)	Strengthening FAO's work on boreal and temperate forests
15:45 – 16:15	Item 4(g)	Contributions of FAO's work in forestry to the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of FAO-REU regional initiatives
16:15 – 17:00	Item 4(h)	The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) High-level Panel of Experts (HLPE) study on Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition
17:00 – 17:30	Item 4(i)	A new strategic document for FAO in forestry
17:30 – 18:00	Item 4(j)	FAO contributions to the global process

Thursday, 12 October 2017

10:00 – 10:30	Item 4(k)	Frequency of the EFC sessions
10:30 – 11:15	Item 4(l)	Contributions to FAO governance
11:15 – 11:45	Item 4(m)	Election of officers, date and place of next meeting
11:45 – 12:00	Item 4(n)	Any other business
12:00 – 13:00	Item 2(f)	Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA2020), enhanced and streamlined international reporting
15:00 – 16:00	Item 2(h)	Integrated Programme of Work
16:00 – 16:15	Item 2(e)	Review of 2017 activities, and activities and publications planned for 2018
16:15 – 16:30	Item 2(i)	Any other business
16:30 – 18:00	Item 5	Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session

Friday, 13 October 2017

Field trip