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Forests are crucial for the well-being of humanity. They provide foundations for life on earth through ecological functions, by regulating the climate and water resources and by serving as habitats for plants and animals. Forests also furnish a wide range of essential goods such as wood, food, fodder and medicines, in addition to opportunities for recreation, spiritual renewal and other services.

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FAO, at the request of the member nations and the world community, regularly monitors the world's forests through the Forest Resources Assessment Programme. The Global Forest Resources Assessment 2000 (FRA 2000) reviewed the forest situation by the end of the millennium. FRA 2000 included country-level information based on existing forest inventory data, regional investigations of land-cover change processes and a number of global studies focusing on the interaction between people and forests. The FRA 2000 Main report has been published and is available on the World Wide Web (www.fao.org/forestry/fra).

The next global FRA is scheduled for 2005 and is an update of FRA 2000. It will utilise the framework of the six common thematic areas among the nine regional Criteria and Indicator (C&I) processes for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). A more comprehensive global assessment report will be published around 2010.

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Sub-regional Workshop on Global Forest Resources Assessment - FRA 2005 for Russian-speaking National Correspondents and Country Focal Points

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1 Preamble

FAO is conducting a series of regional and sub-regional workshops as part of the preparatory work for the country reporting to the Global Forest Resources Assessment update 2005 (FRA 2005). These regional workshops respond to requests made by many member countries during the global training session held at FAO Headquarters in Rome in November 2003.

The Sub-regional Workshop for Russian-speaking FRA National Correspondents and Focal Points was held in *Wyszków* (some 80 km from Warsaw, Poland), in premises of the *Wyszków* Forestry District (*Nadleśnictwo Wyszków*), from the 7 to 11 of December 2004. It was jointly organized by the UNECE/FAO Timber Branch in Geneva and the FAO Forestry Department in Rome, and hosted by the Polish State Forest Service (*Lasy Państwowe*) located in Warsaw. The MCPFE Liaison Unit (Warsaw) helped to run the workshop, which was attended by 17 (seventeen) participants from 11 countries. Mr. Volker Sasse (SEUR, Budapest) also assisted during the whole workshop as part of the FAO-FRA team. The meeting was held in Russian language.

Invitations to the workshop were extended to the officially nominated National Correspondents (NCs) and FRA Focal Points, those speaking and working with the FRA 2005 documents mainly in Russian language. The list of participants is attached (Appendix 1).

2 Objectives and content

The main objectives of the workshop were to:

- revise the draft country reports and the work done so far by the country correspondents in compiling the national reporting tables for FRA 2005 in order to identify the main issues, problems and difficulties for the elaboration of the country reports;
- assure a proper understanding on how to compile the 15 reporting tables, including the process of identification, selection and documentation of national data and data sources, by
 - discussing the problems that each of the countries have encountered, and to share these country experiences on the reporting process;
 - ensuring the correct application of processes of data transformation, estimating and forecasting to generate information for FRA categories and reference years;
 - improving consistency among different tables;
 - identifying problems and data gaps, if any, in each of the 15 tables of each participating country and suggesting ways to address them;
 - seeking clarifications and additional information from countries on their draft reports

- introduce the voluntary reporting tables and the thematic studies for FRA 2005;
- describe how FAO can provide support to linked activities such as National Forest Assessments;
- establish the time schedule and define deadlines for the country reporting to FRA 2005 and
- provide technical assistance and further guidance in order to ensure consistent high-quality reporting that meets the specifications established for FRA 2005.

The two complete days of the workshop were dedicated to revision of, and discussion on, the 15 national reporting tables. Each table was discussed in plenary, where the participating countries presented the main problems and issues encountered. Many of the issues identified by the countries were clarified during the meeting, and the remaining issues were forwarded to the FRA secretariat to be clarified and included in the Frequently Asked Questions on the FRA website.

The participating National Correspondents and Focal Points presented their review of format, definitions, process and consistency, including steps used for processing national data in each of the 15 tables for processing national data. The secretariat attempted to assist and guide the NCs in this respect, where it was found necessary. The participants acknowledged that the discussions significantly improved their understanding of the national reporting process and will facilitate the preparation of the final draft reports according to the established specifications.

The voluntary reporting tables and the thematic studies that form part of the FRA 2005 were also presented and discussed during the third day of the workshop. The NCs were informed about the thematic studies and the role that they might have in these studies, such as liaising with national experts and validation of country information.

The regional reporting on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management to the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (the latest was done in the year 2003, at the 4th Conference held in Vienna) made the voluntary reporting in the country reports not actual. A few countries showed interest in participating in some of the thematic studies, especially on *Forests and water*. These countries were advised to take direct contact with the persons at the FAO HQs directly responsible for each of the concerned thematic studies.

The support to National Forest Assessments (NFAs) that FAO can provide to countries in transition was presented during the last day of the workshop. Following the presentation the participants presented the current situation and status of NFAs in their respective country, and several of the countries, particularly those from Central Asia and Caucasus region expressed their interest to get FAO support for NFAs.

This was followed by a session where the FRA secretariat presented the different forms for obtaining support when the NCs encounter problems with the reporting process or for addressing special needs. The FRA website was presented, particularly the Discussion Forum and the Frequently Asked Questions, but it was also demonstrated how to find complementary information, such as the IUCN list of endangered species by country.

The workshop was concluded by establishing a work plan for delivering the final draft reports, and by a general plenary discussion on the FRA 2005.

3 Results

The workshop achieved its main objective to revise the status of the preparation and drafts FRA 2005 country reports of the participating countries, as well as sharing country experiences on the reporting process. The Russian-speaking FRA national correspondents and focal points demonstrated the high level of knowledge of the forest sector in general, and the FRA requirements in particular. Common and specific problems and issues in the country reporting were identified and discussed among the participants, and with the secretariat, and guidance on how to address these problems was provided. These issues were all documented in Russian, and after the translation they are included in this workshop Proceedings.

The country correspondents from this sub-region showed considerable progress in the country reporting process for FRA 2005. Five Russian-speaking National Correspondents had already submitted first draft reports to the FRA secretariat. Other participating National Correspondents committed themselves to submit their draft reports by the end-December 2004, or end-January 2005. The committed timetable of the country reporting was one of the practical outcomes of the workshop.

The FAO planning for (and expectations from) the FRA 2005 thematic studies were presented to participants, and part of the workshop was devoted to the discussion of the support that FAO-FRA is providing to national forest resources assessments. A number of countries expressed their interest to include some voluntary reporting tables, and some countries also were interested to contact FAO HQs *a propos* the thematic studies. Some countries, particularly the countries from Central Asia and Caucasus region have showed their interest (and intention) to contact FAO with regard to discussing future possible support from FAO in development of the national forest resources assessments.

The main issues that were discussed during the workshop are presented below. They are organized according the reporting tables, preceded by a section on general comments and questions on the scope, coverage and methodology of FRA 2005. The issues will be discussed by the FRA secretariat and the key issues of general interest are expected to be posted on the FRA 2005 website under the Frequently Asked Questions.

3.1 Summary of general and specific comments / issues and questions on the FRA 2005 National Reporting Tables

A. General comments on scope / coverage, methodology and process of FRA 2005 implementation

1. The FRA 2005 Reporting Template is not available in Russian, and this causes problems to provide the required information in full compliance with the established procedures. Some countries will be in a position to supply FRA 2005 country reports in Russian only.
2. Some countries are trying to make efforts to translate the Reporting Template from English to Russian, but it costs money... Would it be possible to get financial support for this work ... ?
3. Some guiding lines (in “*Guidelines...*” or “*Specification of NRTs...*”) are “ambiguous”, and might be interpreted differently, especially when translated into Russian..., e.g. the paragraph in “*Guidelines...*” (section 4.11, p.33, 2nd para from the bottom of the page) hints on the “priority” of

“national red lists”, while in fact the information is required (predominantly) according to the “IUCN red list”.

4. There are some differences in data in the global FRA 2000 main report, and TBFRA 2000 ... What source is more relevant from the participating (in this workshop) countries point of view?...

5. The data/ information reported in other publications (e.g. UNFCCC, IPC-Forest, Forest products statistics) often different from what is being reported to FRA 2005 (e.g. data on removals for Russia in comparison with the Forest Products Statistics publications).

6. The information / data are available only for the forest and OWL areas under forest authority..., and no data for other wooded lands of the country as a whole (e.g. Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan). Lacking information for some important areas of the country on political reasons (Georgia)... What is better: to “extrapolate” estimates for all the territory of the country, or provide hard (but partial) data?

7. If the information on Forest and Other Wooded Lands is available only in an aggregation, how is better to show the data – in Forest, or in OWL, or provide expert estimates...

8. The participating countries, those that have already provided their reports, will re-consider some information/ data in the light of the discussions at the workshop. They confirmed their readiness to provide complete sets of data for Table 1 and 5, even if this would demand applying expert estimates.

9. Could FAO help (organisationally, financially) to publish of the final FRA 2005 country reports at the national level, as a tool to raise the profile of forestry and SFM in a country, also in the country state languages (Booklets, Internet, CDs...)?

B. Review of National Reporting Tables – summary of issues and comments

NRT	Comments/ Issues/Questions
T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAOSTAT data on Land area, Inland water and Total area significantly different from those in the “official governmental” publications at the national level (e.g. Tajikistan – some 55 thousand ha of difference). • National definitions do not fit accurately (also in the process of reclassification) to FRA 2005 classifications and definitions... There are areas that do not fit to the FRA forest land criteria (<i>rediny</i>- scattered forests)... is it better to report them under forests, or report as an other wooded land ? • Should the reclassification of national Forest area data be done in a retrospective, if change in the National classification has happened in-between the reporting periods (e.g. Russia shows big loss of Forest areas from 1990 to 2000 because of national reclassification)... • The question of priority of more reliable (hard, but partial) information/ data, over possible expert estimates on the basis of information available from different sources/publications. • Significant difference in data reporting for FRA 2000 is expected for some countries (e.g. Ukraine) • Should all planted areas be counted as Forest, even if planting was just done, and if the area does not form yet a stand responding to the FRA 2005

	definition of Forest ?
T2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although private ownership is not a “wide-spread phenomenon” in this sub-region, there are first signs of establishing private ownership (starting of the process) in same participating countries ... There are no data to report in this connection • Cases noted when the private ownership on land brings to private ownership on Forests, planted by owners on those private lands (e.g. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan)
T3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information on total area with function is not available, and/or might be a high level of judgement in providing this sort of information. • Reclassification of national data into FRA classes requires some judgement, e.g. in Lithuania – 18 national classes, in Kazakhstan – 9 national classes.
T4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The difference between semi-natural forest, modified-natural forest and plantations is difficult to detect / report according to the suggested definitions... • Lack (or weak and “not reliable” data) for some categories in this thematic area
T5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to handle the situation when Commercial growing stock is almost equal to the Total growing stock (Lithuania)? • Minimum diameters for different forest types and tree species not always available, and could not be thoroughly taken into account?
T6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries (NCs) prefer not to “be lost” in details of the “<i>IPCC Good practice guidance for LULUCF</i>”, Chapter 3.2, “Forest land” (even if this document is being translated into Russian), but they would rather follow the FRA 2005 “Guidelines “... in reporting, when calculating biomass (and carbon). • Some countries will use research/scientific data available in the country for reporting (e.g. Ukraine) • Deadwood biomass is not accumulating in forests of the Central Asian countries (climate, insects, consumption by population, etc)
T7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although there is research, and some scientific knowledge on the matter, there are no/ very weak information on soil carbon and litter carbon at the national level in majority of participating countries. • Carbon data availability - only above ground biomass data are available... other pools are under different levels of knowledge... • Would it be acceptable if national data and methods would be applied to calculate and present carbon data (even if different from IPCC methods)?.. • Working contacts of FRA NCs are recommended with the national working groups on Climate Change
T8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to follow the suggested FRA 2005 definition in terms of thresholds for “significant” disturbances, and to define threshold of the “significance”.. Judgements are unavoidable ... • How to define the disturbance area when the developments (disturbances) are going on (e.g. insects, diseases), and area is constantly changing ?... • Is the illegal logging to be reported as a type of “other disturbances”?... • How to reflect the area in this FRA reporting when some forest fires are

	considered a part of natural forest dynamics (Russia)?
T9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very often the countries' lists of endangered species do not match the IUCN list or categories... Need to confirm the "priority" of the IUCN list in comparison with the national red lists in FRA 2005 reporting • What to report, if the new national red list is elaborated and it is very close to be approved (but not approved yet)...? To report data from the "old list", or from the new one...? • A misleading recommendation is detected in the "<i>Guidelines...</i>" (section 4.11, p.33, 2nd para from the bottom of the page)... Please, clarify...
T10	Is it acceptable if only 8 (i.e. not 10) species are included in the country report (others are insignificant), or if data are available only in terms of area, but not volume.
T11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no Industrial wood removal in majority of the Central Asian countries ..., and it would be difficult (if possible at all) to extrapolate the data for fuel wood removals available for state forest fund (forest authority) to other public/ state forest owners (agriculture, military, etc) • Should the data reported in this table be harmonized with the data on Growing Stock (T5) ? • Illegal loggings have significant impact on the statistics available in some countries for this thematic area (also on Growing stock data)
T12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently changed rates of national currencies in the past causing the problem of any accurate reporting of data for this table. • What to do (how to report) if the national currency was introduced only after 1993 ? • The value data are available only in aggregation for industrial wood and fuel wood (Ukraine) • The fuel wood cost "almost nothing" (symbolic price) to population, according to the president's order/ guidance... (Turkmenistan)
T13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data might be available only for a few variables, difficult (if possible at all) to provide expert estimates on the basis of the old data (before the 1990th), as patterns of removal/ consumption/ utilisation of NWFP might changed significantly during the last years
T14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The same, as for the Table 12, and even more difficult to find/ estimate values • Should consumption in the process of grazing be evaluated as "fodder" ??? • How to estimate/ evaluate the "wild" honey, i.e. the honey which is not from an apiary in the forest, or only value of this "wild" honey should be reported ?...
T15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack (or weak and "not reliable") data, which also difficult to break down into the FRA categories • How to report the employment of temporary forest workers... ?
Thematic Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest and Water might be the key topic of interest for many Central Asian countries • As advised, some of countries intend to contact the colleagues in FAO HQs responsible for the implementation of the corresponding thematic studies • How can FAO help countries with their national forest inventories and

	forest resources assessments? ...
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The participating countries were informed that the key issues reported above should be addressed at the FAO website, FRA 2005 Frequently Asked Questions webpage:

<<http://www.fao.org/forestry/foris/webview/forestry2/index.jsp?siteId=3561&sitetreeId=21330&langId=1&geoId=0>>

3.2 Status of country reporting and timetable for completing the reports

The participating countries (FRA national correspondents and focal points) discussed and evaluated their abilities / capacities to deliver the FRA 2005 Country Reports, and provided their estimates / commitments to supply the country reports according to the following time-table:

Country	Information
Armenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report is expected to be submitted by the end of January 2005 The National Correspondent participated in the FAO HQs November 2003 training, but he was overcoming difficulties to get data at the national level...
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first draft is expected by the mid-February 2005 The country representative at the meeting had not been in a position to approach the FRA 2005 reporting before the sub-regional workshop. There is a problem to get data for some regions of Georgia, any support from FAO to get the necessary information would be welcomed
Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report is expected by the second half of January 2005 The input from the workshop will help to complete the key tables
Kyrgyzstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promised to submit the report in the second half of January 2005... The issues to overcome for completing the corresponding tables are noted in the above list
Lithuania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the leading countries of the region, which provided the first draft report. The second draft was available at the workshop. The finally revised version is promised by 25 December 2004
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first draft is expected by the end of January 2005 The National Correspondent is overwhelmed with other tasks, and the solution to the situation necessary resources for reporting) was being discussed with the Ministry
Russian Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country provided the first draft report in September... The second draft was available by the time of the workshop... Some clarifications, especially on the cutting/ removals volumes, were requested during the workshop. The final submission of the finally revised version of the report (if any improvements) is expected by the end of December 2004
Tajikistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first (very tentative draft) was provided by the time of the workshop. The report as a whole is expected by 15 January 2005

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of the land area (against the data indicated by FAOSTAT) should be clarified.
Turkmenistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first draft is expected by the end of January 2005. The issues to overcome for completing the corresponding tables are noted in the above list (e.g. <i>Template translation issue</i>). • Any additional support from FAO to the reporting process would be welcomed
Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first (tentative draft) was provided by the time of the workshop. The report as a whole is expected by the end of January 2005
Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The country representative at the workshop was in close contact with the officially nominate FRA national correspondent... The preparation of the report is well advanced. Biomass and Carbon stock (Tables 6 & 7) were considered as the difficult area for reporting. The first draft is expected by the end of December 2004 - the very beginning of January 2005

The participants of the meeting agreed upon the above work plan and timetable for completing the country reports.

4 Thematic studies

Additionally to the main FRA 2005 report, the Forestry Department at FAO is planning to publish within FRA 2005 process six thematic studies on selected subjects, which would include analysis derived from country reports, as well as the information, which is already being collected by FAO. The themes for these studies have been selected on the basis of emerging interest that might be included in the FRA 2010 or themes where FAO already possesses a substantial amount of complementary information.

The thematic studies are being prepared and coordinated by subject experts, and the role of the FRA secretariat is to keep the national correspondents informed about these studies. The national correspondent will normally not be directly involved in provision of country data, but some selected countries might be asked to liaise with national experts and to validate country information.

The folders with the information relating to the thematic studies were given to each participant of the workshop, thus inviting them to indicate their interest to help (when required) in their implementation. The participating experts, mainly from the Central Asian countries, expressed their interest to the thematic study on *Forests and water*, and participants from Lithuania were interested in the thematic study on *Ownership of forests and trees*.

The focal points (and their contacts) for each specific thematic study were provided, in case the participants would be interested to supply the relating information on one or more required topics. The thematic studies will cover the following themes:

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5 National Forest Resources Assessments

The participants were asked to give a brief description on the current situation and status of forest inventory and resource assessment in their respective countries. Their information can be briefly summarized as follows:

Country	Information
Armenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last forest and land use inventory was done in 1993. The on-going World Bank project on forest inventory is to be completed in 2006. Some 10 % of State forest fund was covered by the inventory in 2004.
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forest inventory and assessment is currently based on the World Bank project, and rely mainly on GIS information. The inventory of the first region had already been started. All to be completed by 2010 (including the mountain areas); • The existing data base with forest information cover only state forest and national parks, no information available on private forest
Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest and land use inventory had been continued, region after region; financing was a problem • All forests are state owned, covered by management plans. Data come from a stand-wise inventory. No plans to conduct sample based NFIs, but improvements in the methodology of the inventory work are needed.
Kyrgyzstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forest management planning service is organized since 1995, with the help from the Swiss programme of technical assistance. Different inventory/management cycles for different types of forests (e.g. walnut stands – 10-year, spruce – 15-year). Satellite images for the whole territory elaborated, as well as 5 NFI-based projects (also with the Swiss cooperation). They think about complex inventory for all forests, i.e. not only those under the forest authority – working with international organizations •
Lithuania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three types of forest inventory exist in the country: a) Stand-wise forest inventory, b) National Forest Inventory (NFI), c) Forest Stand Inventory before cuttings; • The detailed presentation (.ppt) was done on the current state of the national forest inventory and assessment system(s). The presentation is available from the UNECE/FAO secretariat.
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forest inventory and forest resources assessment are implemented in the framework of the forest management planning; • There are plans to conduct the NFI starting the year 2005
Russian Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no changes in the forest management planning and forest inventory system. They are maintaining now the 10-15 –year inventory/management cycles. The last assessment (State Forest Account) was done in 2003 (5 year cycle). The Annual Forest Account results are being published for individual regions. Although there is a theoretical discussion (+ some publications) on the matter, the current position is “there is no need of NFI in the country”.

Tajikistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last forest inventory was done in 1987...; Some selective inventory is being done, depending on availability of resources (financing is a problem). On the financing reason there are no access to satellite photographs to map forests (images are too expensive). Partial information on land use is available annually.
Turkmenistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new forest inventory since the 1980th...(there is no forest management planning service); they work on old data, but they want to merge landscape planning with forest management planning. All information on the basis of forest districts. The expensive satellite images constitute a problem • They are also interested in NFI/ cooperation/ support with/ from FAO
Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest general assessment was implemented in 1996. The forest resources data- information are traditionally coming from Forest management planning; it has turned into a continuous forest management planning (update of management activities), in some cases period could extend up to 15 years. Financing is a problem... • No NFI has been conducted so far, but it is planned for the future
Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<i>Lesgiproproekt</i>” carries out the forest inventory work... 10-12 forest districts have been inventoried.

Practically all participating countries from the Central Asian and Caucus region were interested in any kind of support that FAO might be able to offer as regards national forest resources assessments. The process of applying for the support was considered very complicated. The representative of Tajikistan informed that they had tried to apply to FAO for the assistance, but had not get yet any progress in this process. The forestry authorities did not getting the necessary political and financial support in order to carry out new NFIs. The participants from these countries asked FAO to promote country support to NFIs in the high-level dialogue with country officials (as it was noted during other FRA 2005 workshops).

The outcome of the workshop has facilitated considerably the involvement of countries of the sub-region into the global FRA 2005 implementation, and also contributed to corresponding activities which within the UNECE / FAO Integrated Work Programme. The results of the workshop will help to the development of the cooperation with countries of this group on the MCPFE reporting on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management.

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Appendix 2 – Agenda for the Workshop



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GLOBAL FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 2005

"Review of National Reports"
(Sub-Regional UNECE/FAO Workshop
for FRA National Correspondents and focal points)

7-11 December 2004,
Forestry Training Center Wyszaków (80 km from Warsaw)
(starting at 08.30 hrs on 08 December 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

TUESDAY, 07 December 2004

Afternoon

Arrival of participants, accommodation in Wyszaków

WEDNESDAY, 08 December 2004

08.30 - 09.00

Registration, organisational arrangements

09.00 – 09.30	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <p>Welcome address – Lasy Państwowe, FAO and UNECE/FAO Timber Branch (<i>Robert Jaskiewicz, Waldemar Zmijewski, Alexander Korotkov and Volker Sasse / Örjan Jonsson</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to FRA - FAO and UNECE (<i>Alexander Korotkov and Volker Sasse / Örjan Jonsson</i>) • Round-table presentation of participants
09.30 – 10.15	<p><u>Session 1: Organizational</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of Workshop & Expected Outputs – FAO and UNECE (<i>Alexander Korotkov and Robert Jaskiewicz</i>) • Review of methodology for country reporting (common for all 15 National Reporting Tables) (<i>Örjan Jonsson/ Volker Sasse</i>) • Questions and clarification
10.15 - 10.30	<p><u>Coffee/ Tea break</u></p>
10.30 – 13.00	<p><u>Session 2: Review of National Reporting Tables T1 – T4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Reporting Tables (<i>FAO and UNECE</i>) • Country experiences (<i>NCs</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Completed tables -Partial tables -Methodology -Format -Issues
13.00 – 14.30	<p><u>Lunch break</u></p>
14.30 – 15.30	<p><u>Session 2: Continued...</u></p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p><u>Session 3: Review of National Reporting Tables T5, T6 and T7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Reporting Tables (<i>FAO and UNECE</i>) • Country experiences (<i>NCs</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Completed tables -Partial tables -Methodology -Format -Issues
16.00 – 16.15	<p><u>Coffee/ Tea Break</u></p>
16.15 – 17.00	<p><u>Session 3: Continued...</u></p>

17.00 – 18.00

Session 4: Review of National Reporting Tables T8, T9 and T10

- Presentation of Reporting Tables (*FAO and UNECE*)
- Country experiences (*NCs*)
 - Completed tables
 - Partial tables
 - Methodology
 - Format
 - Issues

18.10

Cocktail “getting together” (*in premises of Training Centre Wyszaków - Lasy Państwowe*)

THURSDAY, 09 December 2004

09.00 – 12.30

Session 5: Technical Excursion to Forests

Field excursion to forests in the Forest District Wyszaków will be organized this morning by Lasy Państwowe (subject: State Management of Polish Forests). – Mr. Waldemar Zmijewski - Head of Forest District Wyszaków

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00

Session 6: Review of National Reporting Tables T11 – T15

- Presentation of Reporting Tables (*FAO and UNECE*)
- Country experiences (*NCs*)
 - Completed tables
 - Partial tables
 - Methodology
 - Format
 - Issues

16.00 – 16.15

Coffee/ Tea Break

16.15 – 17.00

Session 7: Thematic studies

- Thematic studies, voluntary reporting on thematic areas and their information needs (*Volker Sasse / Alexander Korotkov*)
- Questions and discussion

17.00 - 18.00

Session 8: Individual meetings with countries (*to be continued on Friday afternoon*)

FRIDAY, 10 December 2004

09.00 – 11.00

Session 9: Support to National Forest Resource Assessment

- FAO support within the FRA Programme (*Volker Sasse / Alexander Korotkov*)
- Country presentations on National forest resource assessments (*status, on-going and planned work*)

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee/ Tea Break

11.15 - 12.15

Session 10: Addressing Country Reporting Problems & Needs

- Demonstration of FRA 2005 Discussion Forum & FAQ (*FAO*)
- Present check list and self review of National reporting tables (*FAO*)

12.15 - 13.45

Lunch break

13.45 - 15.00

Session 11: Workshop closing

- Concluding discussion
- Development of time table for submission of final reports
- Summary of the outcome & findings of the workshop – *FAO HQ and UNECE (Alexander Korotkov, Volker Sasse / Roman Michalak)*
- Workshop closure – *UNECE, FAO and Lasy Państwowe*

SATURDAY, 11 December 2004

Saturday morning

Sightseeing tour of Warsaw (*voluntary*)

Wilanów Palace, Łazienki Palace and Park, Old Town and eventually a modern container forest nursery in Jabłonna

Departure of participants (*also after the Warsaw tour*)
