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**Joint Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training**  
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**Review of the programme in silviculture and forest management**  
(subject area 1)

(Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda)

**Note by the secretariat**

This document presents the activities in subject area 1 since the Joint Committee's twenty-second session, and draws the Committee's attention to a number of points for decision (in bold, italic type).

The Joint Committee is invited to:

- S** review its past activities in this subject area and agree on activities for the future;
- S** decide on the specific points drawn to its attention.

### **1.1. Forest fire prevention and control, team of specialists**

A report on the activities of the team during 1998-1999 by the team leader, Mr. J. G. Goldammer (Germany), is reproduced in the addendum to this document. The team will meet in June 2000, at the occasion of Baltex Fire 2000, the main item to be discussed by the team is the preparation of a forest fire seminar in the Mediterranean region. Baltex Fire 2000 will implement the recommendations of the First Baltic Conference on Forest Fire, Poland, May 1998. It will be held in Kuopio, Finland, from 5-9 June 2000. BALTEX FIRE-2000 is organized by the Finnish Ministry of the Interior, together with the Emergency Service College and in cooperation with the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT), the Finnish Meteorological Institute, the Forest and Park Service, the University of Helsinki and the Finnish Forest Research Institute. BALTEX FIRE-2000 is also jointly prepared and sponsored by the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) and the ECE/FAO/ILO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire. The Steering Committee agreed to sponsor this event, following the procedure adopted at its session last September. The programme is set out in the addendum to this document.

*Point for decision: The Committee is invited to take note of the team's activities and comment on proposals for future work*

### **1.2. Forestry information systems 2000, workshop Finland, May 2000**

The Workshop will be held in Hyytiälä, Finland, from 15 to 20 May 2000. Two Announcements were issued and the secretariat is coordinating with the organizers the preparation of the workshop. The programme is set out in the addendum to this document. The Committee will be informed on the outcome of the seminar.

*Point for decision: The Committee will be invited to take note of the outcome of the workshop and may wish to discuss, if it considers necessary, any follow-up activities.*

### **1.3. Afforestation, proposed seminar in Ireland, 2002**

The Steering Committee welcomed the confirmation by Ireland of its willingness to host a seminar on afforestation in 2002, and invited the Irish authorities to present a tentative programme to the next session of the Joint Committee in June 2000. The Committee will be informed orally on the preparations of the seminar.

*Point for decision: The Committee will be invited to discuss and comment the preparations for the seminar, and propose changes, if any, before the programme is finalised and circulated.*

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