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in Europe****Note by the Secretariat***Summary*

This document outlines recent updates concerning matters related to the Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe.

The Committee is invited to take note of this information and of further updates to be provided orally by the Secretariat, and discuss the matter as appropriate.



1. At its 106th session held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 08 July 2019, the ECE Executive Committee was presented with an update on the possible development of a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe.
  2. Based on the information provided in the Informal document No. 2019/29 the ECE Executive Committee "...took note of the information provided on a possible legally binding agreement on forest in Europe and requested the secretariat to organize informal consultations to consider the matter further".
  3. The Executive Secretary of ECE, Ms. Olga Algayerova has responded to the letter containing the Ministerial Decision transmitted by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic and co-chair of the Forest Europe process, Her Excellency Ms. Gabriela Matečná, informing her about the recent decision of the ECE Executive Committee.
  4. The first informal meeting is expected to be held on 31 October and 1 November 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.
  5. The Secretariat will provide information and updates on the process, including matters discussed at the first informal meeting.
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