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Item 6(b) of the provisional agenda

##### **Update: possible Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe decision on matters relating to the possible Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe**

### **Decision relating to the possible Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe**

1. Noting the letter of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic and Co-Chair of Forest Europe of 10 June 2019 to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) conveying the Forest Europe Ministerial Decision on resuming the negotiations on a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe for consideration and further action;
  2. Recalling the decision of the 106th meeting of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of 8 July 2019 that took note of the information provided on a possible legally binding agreement on forests in Europe and requested the secretariat to organize informal consultations to consider the matter further;
  3. Taking note of the informal consultations organized by the secretariat on 30–31 October 2019 and on 27–29 January 2020 and the lack of consensus on the proposed resumption of the negotiations on a possible legally binding agreement on forests in Europe under ECE auspices serviced jointly by ECE and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
  4. Requests the ECE Executive Secretary, in consultation with the FAO Director-General, to inform the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic and Co-Chair of Forest Europe that ECE and FAO are not in a position to take any further action on the request made in the above-mentioned letter of 10 June 2019.
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