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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001 TO 2004

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Note by the secretariat

The present document contains, for the review and endorsement of the Committee, the integrated programme of work of the Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission for the period 2001 to 2004. It also draws the Committee's attention to a number of specific points for discussion and/or decision during the session.

INTRODUCTION

1. The present document contains, for the review and endorsement of the Committee, the integrated programme of work of the Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission for the period 2001 to 2004. The programme emerges from the strategic review process, which will be discussed under item 3 of the provisional agenda. It has been endorsed by the bureaux and takes into account the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Europe at its fifty-sixth session (see item 2 of the provisional agenda).

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2. The document also draws to the attention of the Committee a few items where decision or discussion is considered necessary. The questions for the Committee's attention are summarised in ***bold italic***.

3. ***The Committee is invited to review and endorse the integrated programme attached to the present document according to the modalities developed during the strategic review process, which are presented in document TIM/2001/2. The programme contains descriptions of work areas and activities, a desirable allocation of secretariat resources and the mandates of all current teams of specialists.***

MATTERS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION

a) **Team of specialists on forest products markets and marketing**

4. The joint session in Rome decided to establish a team of specialists on this topic, subject to the outcome of the strategic review. The mandate of the team was approved by the bureaux and the Joint Working Party, and is annexed to the present document; the first meeting will take place immediately before the Committee session. The team members will participate in the Committee's market discussions under item 4 of the provisional agenda. The Committee will be informed orally of the results of the team's meeting and its recommendations for its future work.

5. ***The Committee is invited to discuss the role of this team, as well as its methods of work, on the basis of the oral presentation which will be made.***

b) **Activities of the Forest Communicators Network (FCN)**

6. At its meeting in Slovakia in summer 2001, the FCN (formerly known as the team of specialists on public relations) considered in detail how it was addressing each of the items in its mandate. Its analysis is being issued in an addendum to the present document (TIM/2001/8/Add.1, notably the annex)

7. ***The Committee is invited to review the activities of the FCN, in the light of its self evaluation, and recommend how future work should be carried out.***

c) **Assistance to countries in transition**

8. The team of specialists on this topic is meeting in Debe (Poland) in September, together with MCPFE, to review progress and make recommendations. The report and recommendations of the Debe meeting will be issued as an addendum to the present document (TIM/2001/8/Add.2, to be issued in September).

9. *The Committee is invited to consider its activities to assist countries in transition, in the light of the results of the Debe meeting, the strategic review, the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Europe and UNECE/FAO's responsibility as international coordinator for the implementation of resolution H3, as well as its comparative advantage and the resources likely to be available.*

d) **Study tours**

10. The 2001 study tour will take place in Poland on the theme of preparing the Polish forest and forest products sector for entry into the EU. For following years, the secretariat has been in contact with a number of potential host countries. The secretariat proposes that the 2002 tour take place in Germany (to be confirmed) and the 2003 tour in Portugal (to be confirmed). A short tour would also be organised in conjunction with the EFC session in Spain in November 2002. A preliminary programme for the 2002 tour will be issued as an addendum to the present document (TIM/2001/8/Add.3).

11. *The Committee is invited to accept with thanks the offer of Germany to host the 2002 study tour and of Portugal to host the tour in 2003, and to authorise the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements with host countries. It may also wish to urge countries, notably their heads of Timber Committee and EFC delegations to make every effort to ensure that all potential participants are aware of the tours so that arrangements can be made well in advance.*

e) **Resources for implementing the integrated programme**

12. The question of the adequacy of the resources available to carry out the programme is discussed in more detail in TIM/2001/2 (strategic review). The secretariat would welcome contributions of resources under all those items of the programme marked with <X> in the allocation of resources table, but it considers the priority at present to be to strengthen the EFSOS programme to ensure that adequate quality is achieved, without excessive delays. The secretariat is carrying out its own fund raising exercise, and invites any country wishing to contribute to the implementation of the programme to get into contact with it to discuss modalities: loan of experts or junior professionals, access to research or other funding, contribution to trust funds, payment of travel for participants at workshops etc.

13. *The Committee is invited to urge countries to consider whether they can contribute resources to the implementation of the integrated programme. Delegations are invited to explore before the session whether their countries could contribute in this way and to contact the secretariat before making any announcement. The Committee is also invited to thank all those countries which have contributed to the work in the past year.*

f) **Self-evaluation of programme**

14. Programme managers in UNECE as in other parts of the UN system are expected to carry out a self evaluation report in order:

- a) To determine the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the activities in relation to their objectives.
- b) To enable the secretariat to engage in systematic reflection, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the main programmes of the Organization by altering their content and if necessary reviewing their objectives.

15. These reports provide an assessment, by programme managers, of the quality, relevance, impact and usefulness of selected clusters of activities and/or major outputs of sub-programmes. Findings should be based on evidence, such as readership surveys, records of opinions of independent experts and views of clients and users. The Committee secretariat is carrying out an assessment based on the strategic review, the survey of users of the Timber Bulletin and the survey of the use and implications of TBFRA. This self-evaluation will be issued as TIM/2001/8/Add.4.

16. *The Committee is invited to take note of the self-evaluation and to comment on it. The self-evaluation and the Committee's comments will be transmitted to the Office of Internal Oversight Services at UN HQ which is responsible for evaluation of all UN programmes.*

SEMINAR ON PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE USE OF WOOD AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

17. At the joint session in 2000, Romania offered to host a seminar on the above topic. Discussions are under way with the Romanian authorities on the preparations for the seminar, scheduled for September 2002. It is hoped to present a draft programme to the Committee.

18. *The Committee is invited to review and endorse the proposals for the seminar which will be presented to it.*

WORKSHOPS ON THE CHANGING ROLE OF STATE FOREST SERVICES

19. Two workshops have been held on the above topic, in Sagadi (Estonia) in 2000 and in Salzburg (Austria) in 2001. Both attracted high level participation from top managers of state forest services. At Salzburg, there were informal proposals for further workshops on the same theme, possibly in Ireland (2002), France (2003) and Finland (2004), at the invitation of the forest services of those countries.

20. *The Committee is invited to approve the holding of these workshops, which have been incorporated into the integrated programme.*

UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Mandate, mission and strategies

MANDATE

21. Both UNECE and FAO:

- Collect, analyse and disseminate data and information
- Provide a neutral forum
- On request give policy-related advice to member countries

MISSION

22. The UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission will contribute to the sustainable development of the forest and forest products sector, including services, in the ECE region

STRATEGIES

23. In order to carry out the mission, the Committee and the Commission through their integrated programme will:

- Fulfil ECE and FAO's mandated functions in the forests and forest products sector of the ECE region
- Contribute to the regional and global dialogue on forests, sharing experience among countries
- Work with partners in the execution of programmes
- Pay special attention to issues relevant to countries in transition, notably to capacity building. Their integration into the wider European context as regards the forest sector should be promoted.

UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2001-2005**

24. Set out below is the integrated programme of work of the Committee and the Commission for the period 2001 to 2005. Its implementation is overseen by the two bodies and their subsidiary bodies at their regular meetings, which take place on the following schedule:

- The Timber Committee meets annually;
- The European Forestry Commission (EFC) meets every two years (2002, 2004, etc.);
- The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training meets every two years (2002, 2004 etc.);
- The Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics meets every year.

25. The EFC Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds and the AFWC/EFC/NEFC Working Party on Mediterranean Forestry Questions Silva Mediterranean report to the EFC. Their activities are serviced by the FAO Forestry Department in Rome. However, their activities are not included in the integrated work programme, as these activities are not integrated with those of UNECE.

26. The bureaux of the Committee and the Commission meet jointly every year to oversee the implementation of the programme and prepare forthcoming sessions.

27. The integrated programme is implemented by the ECE and FAO staff in Geneva led by the Chief of the Timber Section of the ECE Trade Division in close cooperation with the Forestry Department of FAO.

28. All activities are carried out in cooperation with partners in international organisations and countries.

29. The integrated programme contains five continuing work areas. In each of these, some programme elements are of a continuing nature, while others have a fixed duration and will be replaced periodically by work on other topics.

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Work Area 1: MARKETS AND STATISTICS

Objective: Collect, analyse and disseminate information on forest products markets and forest fires in cooperation with partners in international organizations and countries. Provide fora for discussion of forest products marketing, especially in countries in transition, and on market developments and disseminate current, neutral information in order to support sustainable development in the forest products sector.

Guidance: Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

Programme elements:

- 1.1 Statistics on production, trade and prices of forest products
- 1.2 Analysis of markets for forest products
- 1.3 Capacity building for forest products marketing in countries in transition
- 1.4 Monitoring of markets for certified forest products
- 1.5 Statistics on forest fires
- 1.6 Information network, activities of team of specialists

Work Area 2: FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Objective: Collect and make available the best possible data on the forests of the industrialised countries (ECE region, plus Australia, New Zealand and Japan). All activities will be carried out in close cooperation with the FAO global forest resource assessment programme (Global FRA).

Guidance: Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

Programme elements:

- 2.1 Collection and validation of data on forest resources, including methodological development
- 2.2 Main regional reports
- 2.3 Indicators of sustainable forest management: improve concepts, supply data
- 2.4 Contribution to global FRA
- 2.5 Country profiles of countries in transition
- 2.6 Special studies (biodiversity, forest condition, carbon flows etc.)
- 2.7 Information network, work area administration

Work Area 3: EUROPEAN FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES

Objective: Analyse the developments and outlook for the forest and forest industry sector, considering challenges and uncertainties of varying policies, market developments and the influence of exogenous factors. This should encompass all main kinds of forestry land use and all stages of forest product use, from the forest to the final consumer. The aim is to assist policy formulation and investment decision-making. The main target groups of EFSOS are policy makers, entrepreneurs, the academic community of the forest and forest products sector and the public.

Guidance: Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

Programme elements:

- 3.1 Outlook for European forest products markets
- 3.2 Outlook for European forest resources
- 3.3 Analysis of long-term historical driving forces
- 3.4 Case studies for countries in transition
- 3.5 Policy scenarios
- 3.6 Information network, public relations of EFSOS, fund raising

Work Area 4: TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING

Objective: The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training assists countries, in particular those which its parent bodies may identify at any time as requiring priority attention, to develop their forestry activities in the context of sustainable development. This is achieved by fostering international cooperation on technical, economic and organizational aspects of forest management and forest working techniques and of the training of forest workers in logging and forest operations.

Guidance: Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training

Programme elements:

Note: many activities of the Joint Committee are not restricted to one work element but cut across all three topics. Harvesting, for instance, takes also into account silvicultural and environmental considerations as well as aspects of occupational safety and health. The Joint Committee co-operates with other organisations, e.g. IUFRO, whenever possible.

- 4.1 Forest technology (forest roads, harvesting and transport of wood raw material)
- 4.2 Forest management (multiple use forestry, preparation and implementation of forest management plans, information systems, silvicultural operations, forest fire prevention and control)
- 4.3 Training of forest workers (vocational training in forestry, applied ergonomics, occupational safety and health)
- 4.4 Steering Committee, work area administration

Work Area 5: POLICY AND CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES

Objective: Monitor developments in policies and forest sector institutions, and carry out policy analysis of topics identified as important. To contribute as appropriate to the regional and global dialogue on sustainable development of the sector. Particular attention will be paid to issues of importance to countries in transition.

Guidance: Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission

Programme elements:

- 5.1 Contribution to and co-ordination of activities with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
- 5.2 Contribution to global dialogue on forests through regional bodies such as the EFC and the MCPFE.
- 5.3 Monitoring changes in policies and institutions
- 5.4 Monitoring forestry assistance to countries in transition (monitoring of activities under resolution H3)
- 5.5 Trade and environment issues relevant to the forestry and forest products sector
- 5.6 Policy analysis
- 5.7 Forest Communicators Network
- 5.8 Promoting sustainable use of wood and other forest products and services
- 5.9 Policy issues in countries in transition, including capacity building

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 1: MARKETS AND STATISTICS			
1.1 Statistics on production, trade and prices of forest products	Collect, through national correspondents, statistics on production, trade and prices of forest products and disseminate them. Improve statistics quality and coverage through co-ordination in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics (ECE, FAO, ITTO, Eurostat). Collect secondary data through trade journals and trade associations as necessary to complete analyses described below.	(annual): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber Bulletin (Issues 1, 2, 5) • TIMBER database and FAOSTAT database • Data available on websites 	Continuing
1.2 Analysis of markets for forest products	Analyse markets for forest products and publish annual review. Publish forecasts annually of short-term market trends with analysis of current developments following annual market discussions at Timber Committee. Publish additional market analyses as necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Timber Bulletin</i>, Issue 3, “Forest Product Annual Market Review” • Annual market discussions • <i>Timber Bulletin, Issue 6, “Forest Products Markets in (present year) and forecasts for (forthcoming year)”</i> • <i>Periodic market reports in Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers and special chapters in the “Forest products annual market review”</i> 	Continuing
1.3 Capacity building for forest products marketing in countries in transition	Conduct workshops on marketing of forest products (including non-wood forest products and services) normally in central and eastern European, Mediterranean and CIS countries, in cooperation with FAO, other organizations, country hosts and donors.	Workshops in countries to be determined (dates to be determined)	to 2004
1.4 Monitoring markets for certified forest products	Monitor and disseminate objective and current information on markets for forest products certified as being from sustainable managed forests, primarily on the basis of reports from an informal network of country correspondents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of markets for certified forest products at Timber Committee market discussions • Chapter in “Forest products annual market review” • Website containing recent information from a variety of sources and links to further information. • <i>Periodic Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers</i> with updates on these markets and the status of forest certification in the ECE region 	to 2004
1.5 Statistics on forest fires	Collect and disseminate statistics through national correspondents on forest fires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database • <i>Timber Bulletin</i>, issue 4, “Forest fire statistics” 	Continuing
1.6 Information network and teams of specialists	Support and advise activities under elements 1.1 to 1.4 by teams of specialists and networks of national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies in support of above elements • Meetings and activities of teams of specialists (see mandate) 	To 2004

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 1: MARKETS AND STATISTICS			
	experts and correspondents.	• Periodic meetings of national statistical correspondents	

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 2: FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT			
2.1 Collection and validation of data on forest resources, including methodological development	Collection of data on the forest resources of the industrialised countries, mostly through national correspondents. Harmonisation of the relevant terms and definitions, and the development of methods and approaches. Checking, validation, storage, processing and dissemination of data.	Data stored in database, made available on Internet (ECE & FAO web-sites), information supplied on request to parent bodies and major clients.	Continuing
2.2 Main reports	Implementation of a comprehensive assessment of the forest resources of the region, and publication of the results, with the dissemination of the information.	Main reports, CD-ROMs, etc.	Periodic, at 5-10 year intervals
2.3 Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management	The contribution to the work on the international level on improvement of the existing sets of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), mainly within the pan-European process. Providing FRA data for the monitoring of SFM at the national level.	Advising, and reporting, to the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe as agreed.	To 2004
2.4 Contribution to Global FRA	Providing data on the forest resources of the industrialised countries to the Global FRA process; participation in the elaboration of the common global framework for the forest resources assessment; and in the development of the assessment methods.	Sets of data on the temperate and boreal forest resources, including the Main TBFRA Reports, and interim data sets. Guidelines for the assessment(s)	Continuing
2.5 Country profiles	The periodic preparation by national experts, and publication, of forestry country profiles of the central and eastern European and CIS countries. The profiles will provide supplementary, more specific and detailed information on forestry sectors of these countries than in FRA reports.	<i>“Forest and Forest Products Country Profiles”</i> published as Study Papers	Periodic, depending on demands and resource availability
2.6 Special studies (biodiversity, forest condition, carbon flows etc.)	Accompanying papers on the most acute and interesting FRA issues will be prepared and published, following the accomplishment of the periodic main FRA reports.	Publications of special studies as Study Papers or Discussion Papers.	Periodic, depending on demands and resource availability

2.7 Information network, work area administration	Maintenance and regular up-dating of the network of national correspondents, and the team of specialists (ToS), so that these structures would support, advise and contribute to the implementation of activities 2.1 to 2.6.	Meetings of the ToS according to its mandate, and periodic meetings of national correspondents.	Continuing
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Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 3: EUROPEAN FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES (EFSOS)			
3.1 Outlook for European forest products markets	Describe possible future developments of major parameters such as production, consumption and trade flows, repeating the ETTS V method, based on traditional econometric modelling. Input data will be updated and the methodology improved as the availability of resources allow.	Base line study report	2002
3.2 Outlook for European forest resources	Describe possible future developments of forest resources by their main parameters, such as area, growing stock and increment and link it to the sustainable availability of removals from thinnings and clear cuttings, assorted by qualities.	Base line study report	2002
3.3 Analysis of long term historical driving forces	Describe/analyse those forces in EFSOS study. However, at present sufficient resources not available. Scope depends on availability of resources.	Chapter of baseline study	2002
3.4 Case studies for countries in transition	Studies to be prepared as resources permit will analyse the impact of national and external factors on scenarios of long-term development of the forest sector in countries in transition, in particular the directions of forestry reform, assuming the stabilisation of a market economy framework and the objectives of sustainable forest management.	Russian Forest Sector Outlook Study	2002
3.5 Policy scenarios	A study will define scenarios about policies (internal or external to the sector) with major impacts on the European forest sector parameters, evaluating the probability of their occurrence. The study should identify the subjects for further specific scenario analyses and define the quantitative impact, which could be modelled in the framework of the forest products and the forest resource models.	Meta-Study on Scenarios with Major Impacts on the European Forest Sector	2002
3.6. Information network, public relations of EFSOS, fund raising	Existing knowledge tools (literature and web sources) will be collected in the frame of an information network. The results will be published on the EFSOS. The core group will meet 1-2 times a year to advise the secretariat	Outlook information database, EFSOS meetings, web page, CD, hard copy publications	Continuing

	<p>Smaller specific satellite meetings and meetings of national correspondents will be organised to discuss special tasks. Various public relation activities, such as meetings, press releases and a web sites.</p> <p>The secretariat will organise fund raising activities, drafting project proposals.</p>	additional funds and additional outcomes/activities	
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Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 4: TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING			
4.1 Forest technology	1. Forest fire prevention and control	Activities of a team of specialists Publication twice yearly of <i>International Forest Fire News</i> Seminar in Turkey	To 2004 Continuing 2002
	2. New roles and modes of operation of forest services	Seminar in the Netherlands	2004
	3. Afforestation	Seminar in Ireland	2002
	4. Information systems in forestry	Proposal for a seminar	2004 or 2005
	5. Close to nature forestry	Seminar in Slovakia	2003
	6. Biodiversity: from concept to practice	Seminar in Sweden	2003 or 2004
4.2 Forest management	1. Environmentally sound forest roads and wood transport	Seminar in Hungary	2004
	2. New trends in wood harvesting with cable system	Seminar in Austria	2001
	3. Mobilisation of additional wood supply mainly from private forests	Proposal for a seminar	2003 or 2004
	4. Multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable areas	Workshop in Sochi, Russian Federation	2002
	5. Disaster preparedness in forestry	Activities of a team of specialists	to 2002
4.3 Training of forest workers	1. Forestry workforce network	Activities of the Forestry workforce network publication of <i>FORWORKNET</i>	continuing
	2. EDUFOREST	Network of European forestry training institutions	continuing
	3. Public participation and partnerships in forestry	Activities of the team of specialists	2002
	4. Women in forestry	Seminar in Portugal	2001
	5. Forestry meets the public	Seminar in Switzerland	2001
	6. Partnerships in forestry	Seminar in Belgium (Flanders)	2002
	7. Traditional forest-related knowledge	Proposal for a seminar	
4.4 Steering Committee sessions	Servicing of sessions	Steering Committee sessions	continuing

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 5: POLICY AND CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES			
5.1 Contribution to, co-ordination with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe	Activities of ECE/FAO and MCPFE will be coordinated to ensure maximum synergies. ECE/FAO will contribute to the formulation and implementation of MCPFE programme of work.	Coordination of activities, and supply of data and analysis to MCPFE, as agreed, e.g. on indicators of SFM (see 2.3), on participation (4.3) and on forestry assistance to countries in transition (5.4) Participation in preparatory work for Ministerial Conference	Continuing
5.2 Contribution to global dialogue	Information and analysis prepared by ECE/FAO will be made available to UNFF and CPF as requested. EFC will help articulate regional concerns for transmission to COFO and UNFF.	To be determined	Continuing
5.3 Monitoring changes in policies and institutions	EFC will monitor at its regular sessions, on the basis of national reports recent developments in forest sector policy and institutions, including for national forestry programmes	Discussion at EFC sessions, synthesis of contributions, subsequently published. Workshops on changing role of state forest services in Ireland (2002), France (2003) and Finland (2004) (all subject to confirmation)	Continuing
5.4 Monitoring forestry assistance to countries in transition (resolution H3)	ECE/FAO will act as international coordinator of resolution H3 of MCPFE notably by monitoring forestry assistance to countries in transition	Database as mandated by H3 (updated regularly) Reports to MCPFE	To 2004
5.5 Trade and environment issues	The interaction between trade, environment and forest sector policies will be analysed, notably to identify the consequences for the sector of certain proposed trade and/or environment policy measures	To be determined with partners: possibly study based on EFSOS baseline scenario. Follow up as agreed.	To 2003
5.6 Policy analysis	Carry out policy analysis as agreed	To be determined (nothing at present)	To 2004
5.7 Forest Communicators Network	1. promote networking for capacity building and exchange of information in public relations and communication; 2. identify key common concepts and promote their use 3. identify key needs for improvement of forest sector public relations and communication 4. assist the TC and the EFC to improve public relations and	meeting of the Team in Slovakia in 2001. Conducting another international forest communicators forum. Provide PR follow-up on Lisbon Conference resolutions, especially as applied to the TC and EFC. Develop capacity in PR in CEECs. Increase PR activities concerning certification of sustainable forest management where appropriate.	To 2004

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Duration
Work area 5: POLICY AND CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES			
	<p>information related to their work;</p> <p>5. promote the development of national particularly in countries in transition;</p> <p>6. stimulate and promote the sound use of wood and other forest products as environmentally friendly and renewable resources.</p>	<p>Conduct series of European Forums for Forest and Society.</p> <p>Conduct study on consumer behaviour related to forests and forest products.</p> <p>Updating the <i>Substitution Report</i>, <i>PR Toolkit</i> and <i>Women as Key Consumers</i>.</p> <p>Produce compendium of PR practices.</p> <p>Create a PR extranet.</p> <p>Participate in two Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee seminars in 2001 on "Women in Forestry" and "Forestry Meets the Public".</p>	
5.8 Promoting sustainable use of wood and other forest products and services	The factors encouraging sustainable use of wood and other products will be analysed, and information shared on how to promote these uses	Seminar in Romania	2002
5.9 Policy issues in countries in transition, including capacity building	The team of specialists will monitor developments in these countries and advise on their needs	Bi-annual meetings of team Workshops on topics recommended by team, as resources permit	To 2004

WORK PROGRAMME, 2001-2005				Share of secretariat time (%)		Country input	Support to secretariat functions
Work areas	Programme elements	Continuing or Project	Extra-budget resources desirable	Before review	After review		
1	Markets and statistics			34	25		
	1.1 Statistics on production trade and prices of forest products(Timber Bulletin, database)	C			12	JFSQ statistics	Cooperation Eurostat, IWG
	1.2 Market analysis (FPAMR, Timber Committee market forecasts)	P	X		9	Market statements, TC discussion	2 interns, 3 months each, secondment of experts to draft chapters
	1.3 Capacity building for forest products marketing in countries in transition	P	X		1	Participate workshop	Expense Moldova meeting (Finland)
	1.4 Monitoring markets for certified forest products	P	X		1	Contribute to network	Seconded experts for updates
	1.5 Statistics on forest fires	C			1	Provide data	Cooperation EU
	1.6 Information network, ToS, work area admin.	C			1	Participate team	
2	Forest Resource assessment			13	17		
	2.1 Collection and validation of data on forest resources, incl. capacity building, methodological development.	C			8	Respond questionnaires, validate data	JPO (Finland) one year
	2.2 Main reports	P	X		0	Review drafts	
	2.3 Indicators of sustainable forest management	P	X		3		
	2.4 Contribution to Global FRA	P			1		
	2.5 Country profiles	P	X		2	Input country concerned	
	2.6 Special studies (biodiversity, forest condition, carbon flows etc.)	P	X		2	Review drafts	JRC second expert
	2.7 Information network, work area administration	C			1	Participate team	Host team meeting
3	European Forest Sector Outlook Studies			7	11		Intern (Francophonie), possibly JPO, other interns
	3.1 Outlook for European forest products markets	P			3.5	Review projections	
	3.2 Outlook for European forest resources	P			3.5	Review scenarios	
	3.3 Analysis of long term historical driving forces	P	X				
	3.4 Case studies for countries in transition	P	X		1	Input country concerned	
	3.5 Policy scenarios	P	X		1	Review scenarios	
	3.6 Information network, public relations of EFSOS, fund raising	C			2	Team meetings	
4	Technology, management and training			13	5		Cooperation ILO, FAO, HQ
	4.1 Forest technology *	P	X		2	Workshops/seminars, teams	Host workshops/seminars
	4.2 Forest management *	P	X		1	Workshops/seminars, teams	Host workshops/seminars
	4.3 Training of forest workers *	P	X		1	Workshops/seminars, teams	Host workshops/seminars

WORK PROGRAMME, 2001-2005				Share of secretariat time (%)		Country input	Support to secretariat functions
Work areas	Programme elements	Continuing or Project	Extra-budget resources desirable	Before review	After review		
4.4	Steering Committee activities	C			1	In inter-session years (brief meeting after JC sessions)	
5	Policy and cross-sectoral issues			6	14		
5.1	Contribution to, co-ordination with MCPFE	C			2	None (direct to MCPFE)	
5.2	Contribution to global dialogue	C			1		
5.3	Monitoring changes in policies and institutions	C			2	National reports to EFC	
5.4	Monitoring forestry assistance to CITs (H3)	P	X		1	Provide information	
5.5	Trade and environment issues	P	X		3		Cooperation other ECE division, WTO, UNEP, WWF, etc.
5.6	Policy analysis	P	X		0		
5.7	Forest Communicators network	P	X		1	Participate team	Host team meeting
5.8	Promoting sustainable use of wood and other forest products and services	P	X		2		
5.9	Policy issues in countries in transition, incl. Capacity building	P	X		2		Host team meeting
	INFRASTRUCTURE			26	28		
	Timber Committee sessions	C			2.5	Prepare, attend sessions	
	EFC sessions	C			2	Prepare, attend sessions	
	Bureaux sessions	C			1.4	Prepare, attend sessions	
	Sessions of Joint Committee	C			1	Prepare, attend sessions	
	Sessions of Statistics Working Party	C			1.5	Prepare, attend sessions	
	Study tours	P			1	Participate	
	Communication (Yearbook, website)	C			2.6		
	Contribution to ECE cross sectoral activities	C			2		
	Contribution to FAO Forestry Department activities	C			2		
	Strategic thinking	C			2	Participate in strategic review (2000/2001 only)	
	Programme, budget, administration	C			5		
	Fund raising	C			1		
	Staff development	C			4		
	TOTAL			100	100		
	* Joint Committee work area: Contents change continuously						

TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETS AND MARKETING	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY: ECE Timber Committee (TC) and FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC), Joint ECE session 2000	
References:	ECE/TIM/95 Programme element 1.6
MANDATE:	To contribute to the sustainable development of forest products markets in the ECE region. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advise the TC and EFC on forest products market developments. 2. Provide a forum for discussion of forest products marketing in the ECE region. 3. Undertake studies on marketing issues, emerging markets, market developments, etc. 4. Provide assistance in marketing to central and eastern European countries through information collection, analysis and dissemination, including workshops. 5. Contribute to the Committee's annual market discussions. 6. Advise the TC and EFC on their market-related publications, specifically these issues of the <i>Timber Bulletin</i>: "Forest Products Annual Market Review", "Forest Products Markets in (present year) and Prospects for (next year)", "Forest Products Prices", "Forest Products Trade Flow Data" and "Forest Products Statistics". 7. Contribute information to the TC and EFC on markets for certified forest products for the annual discussion of this sector, the chapter in the <i>Forest Products Annual Market Review</i> and the <i>Status of Forest Certification in the ECE Region</i>. 8. Analyse market trends and forecasts for the TC and EFC forest sector outlook studies. 9. Advise the secretariat on the ECE/FAO Forest Products Marketing Programme, including dissemination of information through the Market Information Service on the Committee's website.
DURATION:	Until October 2003.
MOST RECENT REVIEW:	Office holders of the TC and EFC on 8 May 2001.
REPORTING:	FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: Conduct initial meeting, elect officers, develop programme of work and establish methods of work	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past:	None
Ongoing:	Preparation of initial meeting.
Future:	To be agreed.
References:	TIM/2001/8.
TEAM LEADER:	To be elected.

CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	Nominations being received.
UN-ECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	The Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, 19 th session, 1993.
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.2/23 Programme element 2.7
MANDATE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to advise the UNECE/FAO and FAO secretariats on the implementation of activities in Work Area 2 “<i>Forest Resources Assessment</i>” of the Integrated Programme of Work; • to advise on the concept, classifications, definitions and methods of the forest resources assessment implementation, taking into account current developments concerning indicators of sustainable forest management, UNFF, other relevant international processes, as well as UNECE/FAO outlook studies; • to advise on updating key parameters between the main forest resource assessment 10-year cycles; • to advise on communication of forest resource assessment results, and implications of FRA results to a wider circle of users.
DURATION:	To 2004
MOST RECENT REVIEW:	Joint Working Party, 23rd session, May 2001, TIM/EFC/WP.2/2001/9.
REPORTING:	Joint Working Party.
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: - TBFRA-2000 Use and Policy Implications Survey, contribution to the MCPFE process, and European Forestry Sector Outlook Studies	
B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kotka III meeting in 1996; meetings of the team, March 1995, April 1996, March 1997 (Switzerland), March 1998 (Italy), March 1999 (Geneva), May 2000 (Finland), June 2001 Victoria B.C. (Canada); • Meetings of national TBFRA correspondents, Geneva 1997, for CITs in Gmunden (Austria) 1997; • review and revision of the final draft Main TBFRA-2000 Report; • publication of the Main TBFRA-2000 report, and the TBFRA database (CD-Rom and Internet); • publication of the TBFRA-2000 accompanying papers.
Ongoing:	Follow-up to TBFRA-2000 and preparation of next round of the ECE/FAO Forest Resources Assessment; Consolidation of experience and lessons learnt from TBFRA-2000, also based on replies to the “ <i>Use and Policy Implications Survey</i> ” and other sources, notably as regards definitions and measurement of “new” parameters, especially those with high policy relevance;
Future:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participation, as requested, in preparation of next round of the global Forest Resources Assessment; • support and contribution to the MCPFE process in improving indicators for sustainable forest management, UNFF related processes (as requested) and co-operation with ECE/FAO outlook studies; • consideration of how to update key parameters between the main FRA10-year cycles; • consideration of communication of forest resource assessment results to a wider circle of users.
Recent References:	TIM/EFC/WP.2/2001/9
TEAM LEADER:	Professor Michael Köhl (Germany)

CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, European Commission, UNEP, EU/Joint Research Centre (Ispra), WWF, European Forest Institute, World Conservation and Monitoring Centre
TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	Timber Committee, 56th session and EFC 29th session
References:	TIM/1998/5, FO: EFC/98/7 Programme element 3.6
MANDATE:	To advise the secretariat on the planning and implementation of the ECE/FAO programme of outlook studies, notably as regards methodology, data and presentation. It will also support the secretariat in obtaining additional resources. It may make suggestions for any other programme related issues.
DURATION:	To 2004
MOST RECENT REVIEW:	Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, May 2001 (TIM/EFC/WP.2/2001/9)
REPORTING:	Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: To comment on work in progress and provide guidance on methods, data, etc. of baseline and alternative scenarios.	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting in March 2000, • “EFSOS activities 1999/2000”, “Description of medium-term EFSOS tasks”, “EFSOS working programme 2000/2001” • Informal meeting “Use of Global Forest Sector Model in the frame of EFSOS” July 2000 • Meeting in December 2000 “Policy oriented scenario studies in the frame of EFSOS” • Meeting in April 2001 “Status of EFSOS and the working programme for the next year” Special topic “European Timber Trends and prospects
Ongoing:	Informal working meetings
Future:	Meeting in April 2002, smaller working meetings as necessary, involving members of the team
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.2/2001/9,

TEAM LEADER:	To be appointed
CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA and the FAO.

TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST FIRE

A. TERMS OF REFERENCE

ESTABLISHED BY: The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training.

References: TIM/EFC/WP.1/22, para. 76
Programme element 4.1.

MANDATE: The team will undertake forest fire activities as determined by the Joint Committee, through:

- the promotion of scientific methods in forest fire management and forest fire policy;
- the provision of guidance to member states on forest fire management and forest fire policies;
- the organization and preparation of seminars, workshops and educational programmes; and the promotion of the continuous exchange of information and experience among country forest fire specialists from the policy, managerial and research spheres;
- cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations dealing with forest fire questions in the region (FAO, Silva Mediterranean, IUFRO, the European Union and others);
- criteria for harmonization and reporting of forest fire statistics;
- the publication twice yearly of *International Forest Fire News* (IFFN).

DURATION: To 2002

MOST RECENT REVIEW: The Joint Committee's 23rd session, 2000, TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/2.

REPORTING: Joint Committee and its Steering Committee

EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS:

1. develop a feasibility study for a Global Vegetation Fire Information System;
2. develop the link between fire inventory, management and policy;
3. develop a fire inventory system to meet the objectives of UNCED;
4. revision of the FAO Forest Fire Glossary;
5. bi-annual publication of *International Forest Fire News* (IFFN).

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)

ACTIVITIES:

Past: Meetings in April 1994, December 1994, 1996, May 1998 and June 2000, attendance at World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction and the International Wildfire Conference, Canada 1997; Seminar on Forest, Fire and Global Change, August 1996; First International Baltic Conference on Forest Fire 1998, BALTEX FIRE 2000.

Future: Preparations for a seminar to be held in Turkey in 2002. Publication of IFFN twice a year.

References:	TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/2001/4. Issues of IFFN report on the team's activities
TEAM LEADER:	Mr. J.G. Goldammer (Germany)
CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	Belarus, Canada, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America

**TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN FORESTRY
(CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN FORESTRY)**

A. TERMS OF REFERENCE

ESTABLISHED BY:	The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training.
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/2 Programme element 4.1
MANDATE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect information about problems and solutions in dealing with storm damage, in particular the damage by "Lothar" on 26 December 1999. 2. Identify areas where international cooperation, exchange of information or research is most urgently needed. 3. Update the damage manual of the Joint Committee, taking particular account of problems relating to damage inventory, organization, management, harvesting techniques, transport, and safety. 4. Define alternative strategies for disaster preparedness in line with the character (time, size, region, timber species) and the type (forest fire, insect attack, windfall) of the event. 5. Establish a website where the information collected is easily available and regularly updated. 6. Determine if a seminar might be appropriate (when and where?) in order to present the experiences gained after 1999 and to exchange views and information.
DURATION:	To 2002
MOST RECENT REVIEW:	Joint Committee, 23 rd session, June 2000, TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/2
REPORTING:	Joint Committee and of the Steering Committee
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS:	
Present the first version of the updated manual to the twenty-fourth session of the Joint Committee	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of May 2001)

The team has not yet been established	
TEAM LEADER:	To be appointed
CURRENT PARTICIPATION	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland, United Kingdom

TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON PARTICIPATION AND PARTNERSHIPS IN FORESTRY	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, 22 nd session
References:	Report 22nd session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/28, (mandate modified by Timber Committee in September 1999) Programme element 4.3
MANDATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify the concept of "participation" and develop the conceptual framework for participatory forest management (involvement of the public), awareness of the forest and use of forest products and services by the public; 2. Draw up a report to the Joint Committee and to MCPFE on participatory management and proposals for follow-up actions; 3. Assist in the preparation of the seminars in Switzerland on Forestry meets the public, and in Belgium on Partnerships; 4. Collect and even initiate case studies.
DURATION	To 2002
MOST RECENT REVIEW:	The Joint Committee's 23 rd session, 2000.
REPORTING	Joint Committee and its Steering Committee:
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: Contribution to seminars in Switzerland and Belgium.	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past	A workshop (November 1999 in Switzerland) to launch the activities of the team in coordination with the past team on socio-economic aspects. Meeting in Sweden in March 2000 to develop concepts and address main issues of the participatory process. Report in summer 2000.
Ongoing	Focus on the mandate on "Raising awareness". Collect and even initiate case studies.
Future	Assist in the preparation of the proposed seminars in Switzerland (2001) on Forestry meets the public, and in Belgium (2002) on Partnerships.
References	TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/1999/2; TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/2
TEAM LEADER	Miles Wenner (United Kingdom)
CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, IFBWW, WWF/IUCN.

TEAM OF PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALISTS IN THE FOREST AND FOREST INDUSTRIES SECTOR (FOREST COMMUNICATORS NETWORK)	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) and ECE Timber Committee (TC)
References:	ECE/TIM/91, EFC Session, FO: EFC/98/rep, paragraph 26 Programme element 5.7
MANDATE	<p>In support of the overall goal of creating a positive image of the forest sector (including all phases of forest resource management and forest industry):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. promote networking among member states for capacity building and exchange of information in public relations and communication; 2. identify key common concepts and promote their incorporation in forest sector communications and public relations activities in the member countries; 3. identify key needs for improvement of forest sector public relations and communication and communicate them to the TC and the EFC; 4. assist the TC and the EFC to improve public relations and information related to their work; 5. promote the development of national capacity in forest sector public relations and communication, particularly in countries in transition; 6. stimulate and promote the sound use of wood and other forest products as environmentally friendly and renewable resources.
DURATION	Until November 2004.
MOST RECENT REVIEW:	Joint session, Rome 2000, ECE/TIM/96
REPORTING	Timber Committee, EFC.
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct follow-up on International Forest Communicators Forum 2000, including proceedings; 2. Assistance on building capacity in central and eastern European countries; 3. Conduct European Forum for Forest and Society; 4. Offer paper for "Forestry Meets the Public" Seminar in 2001; 5. Assist in PR for TC and EFC outputs such as: Lisbon Conference contributions; workshop recommendations; new publications; etc; 6. Expansion of the international network of PR specialists in the ECE region. 	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past	Conducted meetings for mandated work, exchange of information and discussion of issues in: Fontainebleau (France), Tällberg (Sweden) Beaupré, Quebec (Canada), Gmunden (Austria), Biri (Norway), Sesimbra (Portugal), Sagadi (Estonia) and St. John's, Newfoundland (Canada), Zwolen (Slovakia). Conducted the International Forest Communicators Forum 2000 in St. John's, Newfoundland (Canada). Published <i>The Competitive Climate for Wood Products and Paper Packaging: the Factors Causing Substitution with Emphasis on Environmental Promotions</i> (the "Substitution Report") and the <i>PR Toolkit</i> . Prepared a <i>Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Paper</i> on the <i>Substitution Report</i> . Conducted a workshop for countries in transition in Ossiach (Austria). Produced a poster for the 1996 FAO World Food Summit. Published <i>Forest and Forest Industries Country Fact Sheets</i> (printed and Internet version). Developed a PR Team website under the Timber Committee site. Participated in seminar on women in Forestry.
Ongoing	Advising on PR for the outputs of the Committee and the Commission. Preparing follow-up on the International Forest Communicators Forum 2000. Preparing to conduct the first European Forum for Forest and Society in 2001 in Finland. Building capacity in central and eastern European countries (CEECs). Produce proceedings from the Forum 2000.
Future	Conducting another international forest communicator's forum. Provide PR follow-up on MCPFE resolutions, especially as applied to the TC and EFC. Develop capacity in PR in CEECs. Extend the Team's network to include more CEECs. Increase PR activities concerning certification of sustainable forest management where appropriate. Conduct series of European Forums for Forest and Society. Conduct study on consumer behaviour related to forests and forest products. Updating the <i>Substitution Report</i> , <i>PR Toolkit</i> and <i>Women as Key Consumers</i> . Produce compendium of PR practices. Consider creation of a PR extranet. Participate in two Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee seminars in 2001 on "Forestry Meets the Public".
TEAM LEADER	Mr. Ingwald Gschwandtl (Austria) and Deputy Leader, Ms. Berit Sanness (Norway).
CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	The following countries participate directly: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America. The Team's mailing list of its communicators network currently contains over 120 PR specialists, of which one-third are members of the team.

**TEAM OF SPECIALISTS TO MONITOR AND DEVELOP ASSISTANCE
TO COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN TRANSITION**

A. TERMS OF REFERENCE

ESTABLISHED BY:	UNECE Timber Committee, 51 st session, and the FAO European Forestry Commission, 26 th session, joint session, 1993
References:	Reports of the joint sessions, ECE/TIM/71, Programme element 5.9
MANDATE:	The team will periodically review (one-two years) and make recommendations concerning the whole UNECE/FAO programme of assistance to countries in transition to a market economy in the forestry, forest industries and forest products sector, with the purpose to ensure that it would be in accordance with countries' needs and performed in effective and efficient way. It will develop ways of cooperation, monitor and coordinate the implementation of the Resolution H3 "Forestry Cooperation with Countries with Economies in Transition" of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.
DURATION:	To 2004
APPROVED BY:	UNECE Timber Committee, 52nd session, FAO European Forestry Commission, 27th session, ECE/TIM/83, paras.9-19; and 56th session, ECE/TIM/91; FO: EFC/95/REP, paragraph 42.
REPORTING:	UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission and through the ECE/FAO secretariat to the General Coordinating Committee for Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe.
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: The International Workshop on " <i>Forests and Forestry in Central and Eastern European Countries: The Transition Process and Challenges Ahead</i> " (together with the MCPFE, September 2001); Up-to-date H3 database is available on Internet Timber Committee website, overview of assistance activities	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of 10 July 2001)

ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	Meetings of the team (recently November 1997 in Ljubljana, Slovenia; July 1999 in Gmunden, Austria). Report Lisbon conference.
Ongoing:	Compiling the information from countries, signatories of the Resolution H3, on the activities undertaken for its implementation. The list of activities concerning transition to a market economy in the sector is compiled by the team every year and stored in the database which is widely available. On the basis of this information, the priorities of assistance are identified and updated on a regular terms. The information is supplied to the MCPFE. The preparation of the international workshop in Poland (Debe/Warsaw, September 2001)
Future:	The next meeting of the team is to be organized in September 2001, in conjunction with the International Workshop
TEAM LEADER:	Dr. Stanislaw Zajac (Poland)

<i>CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:</i>	Albania, Austria, Armenia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Greece, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, European Commission, UNEP, European Forest Institute
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