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Fifty-ninth session
2-5 October 2001

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 2 October 2001

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Note - Timber Committee documents will be distributed to the official list as in previous years. However, the provisional agenda and other session documents will be available on the Committee's website: <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber>

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| 8. | Review of activities since the fifty-eighth session and programme of work for 2002 to 2006 | TIM/2001/7
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Friday 5 October		Drafting Committee Technical briefings	9. 10. 11. 12.	Election of officers Any other business Date and place of next session Adoption of the report

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Opening of the meeting

Mrs. D. Hübner, Executive Secretary of ECE or her representative will open the fifty-ninth session of the Timber Committee.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/TIM/96)

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda.

Item 2. Matters arising from the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to the Committee (TIM/2001/1)

The Committee will be informed about the decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-sixth session, held in May 2001, which have a bearing on the work of the Committee. The Committee will be invited to take these decisions into account when adopting its programme of work under provisional agenda item 8.

Item 3. Strategic review of the ECE Timber Committee/FAO European Forestry Commission programme of work (TIM/2001/2)

The joint session of the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission in October 2000 agreed to launch a strategic review process of the integrated programme of work on the objectives, methods, resources, outputs and methods of work. Member countries were requested to make proposals taking account of their needs and political priorities, desired outputs, available resources and the means to achieve them. An extended bureaux meeting in February 2001 in Geneva reviewed these proposals and agreed on a first draft of a strategy and revised programme, which was further reviewed at a side meeting at COFO in March 2001 and at the annual joint bureau meeting in May 2001. The Timber Committee session in 2001 will agree on the results of the strategic review process.

Item 4 Market developments in 2001 and prospects for 2002 (TIM/2001/3; ECE/TIM/BULL/54/3)

Delegations will be invited to review developments in 2001 and prospects for 2002 on the basis of the *Annual Forest Products Market Review (Timber Bulletin, ECE/TIM/BULL/54/3)*, countries' written statements and forecasts. An agreed statement synthesizing the discussions and forecasts will be prepared during the session and later published. A note by the secretariat will provide further information for the market discussion.

Market discussions

The market discussion will be organized along the following lines:

1. General introduction;
2. Roundwood;
3. Softwoods (sawnwood and logs);
4. Hardwoods (sawnwood and logs), temperate and tropical zones;
5. Wood-based panels: particle board, plywood and fiberboard;

6. Certified forest products.

- Market statements (printed and *electronic format*)

Delegations are reminded that their country market statements in English, French or Russian, are expected to reach the secretariat¹ by 14 September 2001. In preparing statements, please refer to specific instructions in the session announcement letter or on the website. Reports are requested in both printed and electronic format. The printed report (120 copies) will be distributed on the first day of the session, and an electronic copy for pre-distribution on the Timber Committee website.

- Country forecasts for 2001 and 2002 (prepared on the basis of a questionnaire to be sent out by the secretariat in July 2001) should be submitted not later than 1 September 2001. Supplementary copies of the questionnaire may be obtained from the secretariat on request, or from the Committee's website.

- Drafting Committee. It is proposed that the Drafting Committee meet at 09:00 hours on Friday, 5 October to consider the draft of the report concerning market developments and prospects, which will be approved by the Committee under item 12 of the provisional agenda.

Item 5. International dialogue on forests, support to the global and regional processes (TIM/2001/4)

The Committee will be invited to agree on the general direction of ECE/FAO's activities in support to the international dialogue on forests and to the global and regional processes. In particular the proposed international arrangement on forests including the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) and Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), and on regional processes.

Item 6. Special topic: ECE intersectoral cooperation, trade, timber, environment and energy (TIM/2001/5)

The Committee's office holders agreed that the special topic be ECE intersectoral cooperation, trade, timber, environment and energy. In the light of the discussion which will follow, the Committee will be invited to agree on the implementation of the ECE decision.

Item 7. Activities of FAO and of Principal Subsidiary Bodies of ECE of interest to the Timber Committee (TIM/2001/6)

The Committee will be informed on the activities of other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies related to its work. Time will be allotted to presenting the activities of FAO and other international organizations of relevance to the Timber Committee. In this connection, representatives of the international organizations are invited to provide 120 copies of brief written statements on their activities in English, French or Russian for distribution to delegations.

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Item 8. Review of activities since the fifty-eighth session and programme of work for 2002 to 2006
(TIM/2001/7 and TIM/2001/8)

Document TIM/2001/7 and addenda will review the Committee's activities since the fifty-eight session. The Committee will be invited to adopt its programme of work, on the basis of document TIM/2001/8 which will draw decision items to the attention of the Committee and present a draft programme of work as revised by the strategic review process.

Item 9. Election of officers

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Committee is expected to elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, who will hold office until the end of the sixtieth session. At the fifty-eighth session, Mr. Jeff Serveau (Canada) was elected Chairman, and Mr. Gheorghe Florian Borlea (Romania) and Mrs. Astrid Bergquist (Sweden) Vice-Chairmen to hold office until the end of the fifty-ninth session.

Item 10. Any other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item. However, it is proposed to devote part of the morning of Friday, 5 October to technical briefings by secretariat members on certain priority activities.

Item 11. Date and place of next session

Provided that conference services are available, the week of 24-27 September 2002 has been provisionally reserved for the sixtieth session of the Committee.

Item 12. Adoption of the report

The Committee will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. According to the ECE Plan of Action, the report will be short and decision oriented. Accounts of discussions e.g. under item 2 will be prepared separately, and finalized in cooperation with the office-holders after the session. However, the Committee will be invited to approve formally the market statement based on the discussions under item 4, and approved by the drafting Committee on Friday morning.



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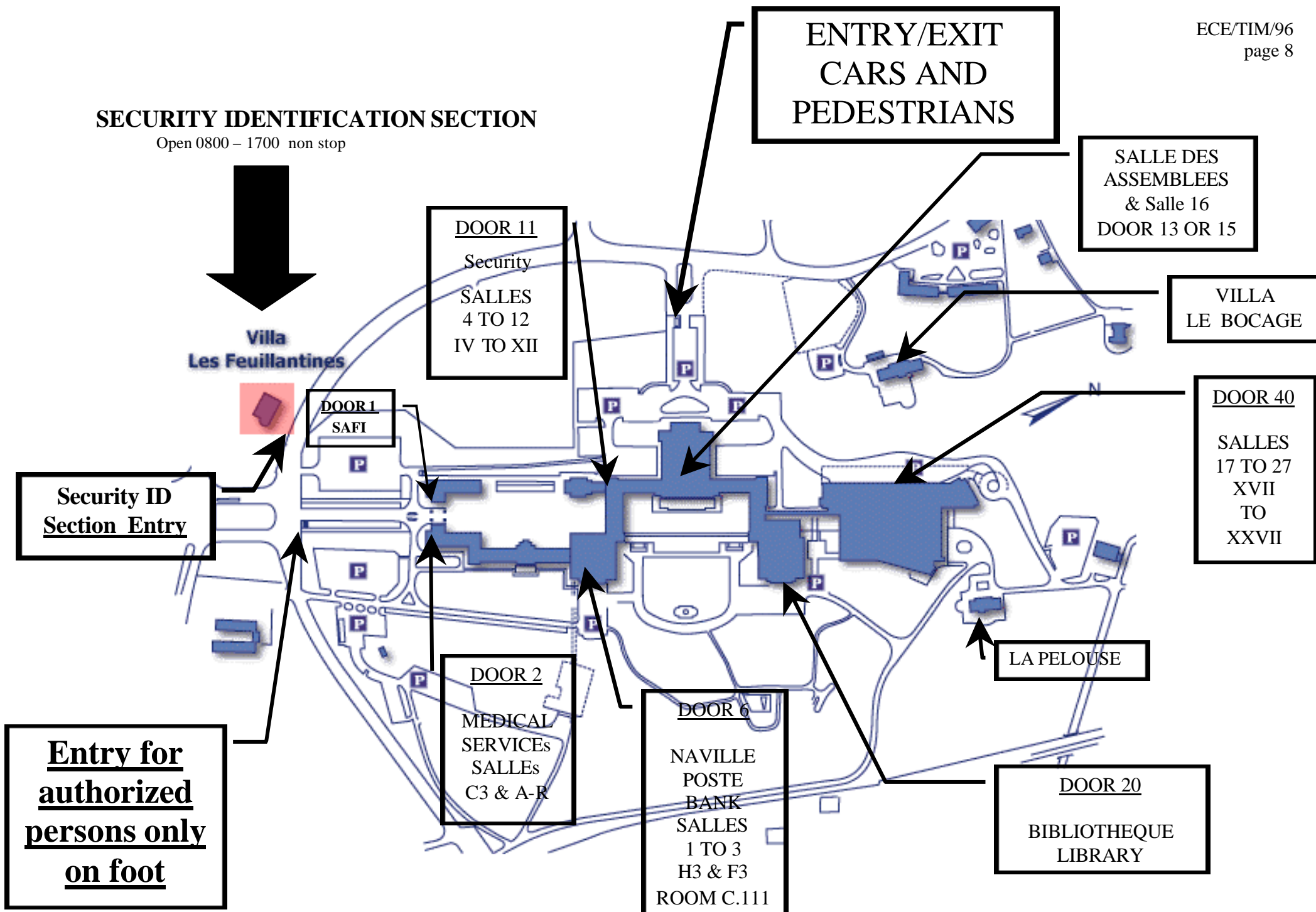
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