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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2003 TO 2006

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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 2003 to 2006.

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 2006. The programme has been endorsed by the bureaux and takes into account the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Europe at its fifty- seventh session (see item 2 of the provisional agenda).

2. *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. The programme contains descriptions of work areas and activities and the mandates of all current teams of specialists.*

UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2001-2006

3. Set out below is the integrated programme of work of the Committee and the Commission for the period 2001 to 2006. 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.

4. The EFC Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds and the AFWC/EFC/NEFC Working Party on Mediterranean Forestry Questions, *Silva Mediterranea* 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.

5. The bureaux of the Committee and the Commission meet jointly every year to oversee the implementation of the programme and prepare forthcoming sessions. The bureaux met in Geneva from 29 to 30 April 2002, the report of the meeting may be found at the website:

<<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/bureaux/bureaux-02.htm>>

6. 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 Development and Timber Division in close cooperation with the Forestry Department of FAO.

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

8. 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 Products Annual Market Review" • Annual market discussions • <i>Timber Bulletin</i>, Issue 6, "Forest Products Markets in (present year) and prospects for (forthcoming year)" • Periodic market reports in <i>Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers</i> and special chapters in the "Forest Products Annual Market Review" 	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 and dates to be determined by availability of funding.	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 sustainably managed forests, primarily on the basis of reports from the network of the officially nominated 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. • Periodic <i>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 1.5 by teams of specialists and networks of national experts and correspondents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies in support of above elements • Meetings and activities of teams of specialists (see mandate) • Periodic meetings of national statistical correspondents 	to 2004

Programme element	Description	Outputs	Duration
Work area 2: FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT			
2.1 Collection, updating and validation of data on forest resources; FRA methodological development, including work on the terms and definitions	Collection of forest resources data 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 regional reports: strategic planning within the Global FRA Programme	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 10-year intervals
2.3 Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management: improve concepts, supply data at the international level	The contribution to the work on improvement of the existing sets of Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), mainly within the pan-European process. Providing data for SFM monitoring 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, including the expert consultation "Kotka-IV"	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 of countries in transition	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 TBFRA 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

Programme element	Description	Outputs	Duration
Work area 3: EUROPEAN FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES (EFSOS)			
3.1 Outlook for European forest products markets	To describe scenarios of future development of major parameters such as production, consumption and trade flows, repeating the ETTS V, European Timber Trends and Prospects Study (ECE/TIM/SP/11) 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	12/2002
3.2 Outlook for European forest resources	To describe the development of forest resources by their main parameters, such as area, growing stock and increment and to link it to the sustainable availability of removals from thinnings and clear cuttings, assorted by quality groups.	Base line study report	12/2002
3.3 Analysis of long term historical driving forces	Desirable to include description/analysis of those forces in EFSOS study. However, at present sufficient resources not available. Scope depends on availability of resources.	Chapter of baseline study	12/2002
3.4 Complementary case studies on particular policy scenarios and sub-regions	Studies to be prepared as resources permit will analyse the impact of policy, market and external factors on scenarios of long-term development of the forest sector.	Russian Forest Sector outlook Study	07/2002
3.5 Policy scenarios analysis	<p>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. The Swiss government contributes to the analysis with funds.</p> <p>New project proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Progress towards a Market Economy in Eastern European Countries - Consequences for the European Forest Sector” • “Common rules in forest related legislation of European countries” • Workshop: “Policy Options for the European Forest and Forest Industry Sector” 	<p>Meta-Study on Scenarios with Major Impacts on the European Forest Sector as a part of the baseline study report</p> <p>Depending on additional funds</p>	<p>07/2002</p> <p>Depending on additional funds</p>
3.6. Information network, public relations of EFSOS, fund raising	<p>Existing knowledge tools will be searched and collected (literature and web sources) in the frame of an information network. The results will be published on the EFSOS web site in order to create synergy effects. The goal is to find studies, with objectives and approaches comparable to EFSOS and useful in its framework.</p> <p>The ToS will meet 1-2 times a year to advise the secretariat. Smaller specific satellite meetings will be organised to discuss special tasks. Further, meetings of national correspondents, officially nominated by countries, will be organised to provide national data,</p>	<p>Outlook information database,</p> <p>EFSOS meetings,</p>	<p>Continuing</p> <p>Continuing</p>

	<p>comment on outputs, scenarios, etc.</p> <p>Various public relation activities will be organised in the frame of EFSOS, such as meetings, press releases and a web sites.</p> <p>The secretariat will organise fund raising activities, drafting project proposals.</p>	<p>web page, CD, hard copy publications</p> <p>additional funds and additional outcomes/activities</p>	<p>Continuing</p> <p>Continuing</p>
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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 2003
	2. New roles and modes of operation of forest services	Seminar in the Netherlands	2004
	3. Afforestation	Seminar in Ireland	2002
	4. Disaster preparedness in forestry	Activities of a team of specialists	to 2002
	5. Information systems in forestry	Proposal for a seminar	2004 or 2005
	6. Close to nature forestry	Seminar in Slovakia	2003
	7. 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. Mobilisation of additional wood supply mainly from private forests	Proposal for a seminar	2003 or 2004
	3. Multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable areas	Workshop in Sochi, Russian Federation	To be decided
	4. Forest operation improvements in farm forests	Workshop in Slovenia	2003
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. Forestry meets the public	Seminar in Switzerland	2001
	5. 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.	Discussion at EFC session. Other outputs 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 and analytical reports 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, other than EFSOS policy study - work area 3-)	To 2004
5.7 Forest Communicators Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 information related to their work; 5. promote the development of national particularly in countries in transition; 6. stimulate and promote the sound use of wood and other forest products as environmentally friendly and renewable resources. 	<p>Conducting another international forest communicators forum.</p> <p>Provide PR follow-up on Lisbon Conference resolutions, especially as applied to the TC and EFC.</p> <p>Develop capacity in PR in CEECs.</p> <p>Increase PR activities concerning certification of sustainable forest management where appropriate.</p> <p>Conduct series of European Forums for Forest and Society (if agreed).</p> <p>Conduct study on consumer behaviour related to forests and forest products.</p> <p>Updating the <i>Substitution Report, PR Toolkit and 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>	To 2004
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	2003

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
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TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETS AND MARKETING	
<i>Reference to programme of work: 1.6</i>	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY: UNECE Timber Committee (TC) and FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC), Joint 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 programme of work, participate in TC market discussions.	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2002)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past:	Inaugural meeting held October 2001
Ongoing:	Preparation of initial meeting. Subgroups formed to accomplish work
Future:	To be agreed.
References:	TIM/2001/8.
TEAM LEADERS:	Dr. Christopher Gaston (Canada), Leader. Mr. Michael Buckley (United States), Deputy Leader. Mr. Harjs Jordens (Latvia), Deputy Leader.
CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	Participants come from Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Rumania, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, EC, FAO, ITTO, CEPI, ITC, EPF.

UN-ECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT	
<i>Reference to programme of work: 2.7</i>	
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
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; 24th session, April 2002, TIM/EFC/WP.2/2002/6.
REPORTING:	Joint Working Party.
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: - Follow-up to the global FRA expert consultation “Kotka-IV”, contribution to the MCPFE process and European Forestry Sector Outlook Studies, reporting to MCPFE-2003	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2002)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kotka III meeting in 1996; Kotka-IV in 2002, 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), May 2002 Krakow (Poland); • 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); contribution to the preparation of the “Kotka-IV” expert consultation; • 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; Follow-up to the “Kotka-IV” expert consultation; Consolidation of experience and lessons learnt from the FRA-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 the ECE/FAO outlook studies; • consideration of how to update key parameters between the main FRA10-year cycles (2005); • consideration of communication of forest resource assessment results to a wider circle of users.
Recent References:	TIM/EFC/WP.2/2001/9; TIM/EFC/WP.2/2002/6.
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.

TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES	
<i>Reference to programme of work: 3.6</i>	
A. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	Timber Committee, 56th session and EFC 29th session
References:	TIM/1998/5, FO: EFC/98/7
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 May 2002)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	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 March 2001 "Status of EFSOS and the working programme for the next year" Special topic "European Timber Trends and prospects" Meeting in December 2001 "Meta-study of scenarios with major impacts to the European Forest Sector"
Ongoing:	Informal working meetings
Future:	Meeting in May 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:	So far the EFSOS Team of specialists has included officially nominated representatives from Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA, Yugoslavia and FAO. Additionally, outlook study experts, policy makers and entrepreneurs participate the

	meetings. New members may be recruited to cover expected activities after the completion of the base line study.
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MANDATE OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON FOREST FIRE <i>Reference to programme of work: 4.1.1</i>	
A.- TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training.
References:	Report 21st session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/26; Report 22nd session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/28; Report 23rd session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/2.
MANDATE:	The team will undertake activities related to forest fires as determined by the Joint Committee, through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Mediterranea, IUFRO, the European Union and others); - criteria for harmonization and reporting of forest fire statistics; - the publication twice yearly of <i>International Forest Fire News</i> (IFFN).
DURATION:	To 2002 (Extension to be discussed at the 24th session of the Committee)
APPROVED BY	The Joint Committee's 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd sessions
REPORTING :	The team reports to each session of the Joint Committee and of the Steering Committee
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. organize a seminar in Turkey in 2003; 5. bi-annual publication of <i>International Forest Fire News</i> (IFFN). 	
B. - INFORMATION SHEET (as of June 2002)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	Meetings in April 1994, December 1994, 1996 May 1998, June 2000 and March 2002; Seminar on Forest, Fire and Global Change, August 1996; attendance at World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction and the International Wildfire Conference, Canada 1997; First International Baltic Conference on Forest Fire 1998; Baltex Fire 2000; participation at the FAO/ITTO International expert meeting on Public policies affecting forest fires, March 2001.
Ongoing:	International Forest Fire News
Future:	Holding a seminar in Turkey in 2003
References:	Report of the first meeting, TIM/EFC/WP.1/R.121/Add.1, TIM/EFC/WP.1/1998/3, annex 1 and 2, TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/5. Issues of IFFN report on the team's activities
TEAM LEADER:	Mr. J.G. Goldammer (Germany)
MEMBERSHIP:	Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Namibia, Poland, Portugal, Spain,

Switzerland, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America

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

Reference to programme of work: 4.1.4

A. - TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

References: Report 23rd session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2000/2, para. 31

MANDATE:

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, organisation, 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

APPROVED BY

Joint Committee, 23rd session

REPORTING:

The team reports to each session of the Joint Committee and of the Steering Committee

EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS:

To be decided by the Joint Committee in September 2002. The team has not yet met and there is a proposal to merge its activities with those of other organisations.

MANDATE OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON PARTICIPATION AND PARTNERSHIPS IN FORESTRY <i>Reference to programme of work : 4.3.3</i>	
A.- TERMS OF REFERENCE	
ESTABLISHED BY:	The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training
References:	Report 22nd session Joint Committee: TIM/EFC/WP.1/28, (mandate modified by Timber Committee in September 1999)
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 the pan-European process on participatory management and proposals for follow-up actions 3. Assist in the preparation of the proposed seminars in Switzerland on Public relations and environmental education in forestry, and in Belgium on Partnerships. 4. Collect and even initiate case studies.
DURATION:	To 2002 (Extension or termination to be discussed at the 24th session of the Committee)
APPROVED BY:	The Joint Committee's 22 nd and 23 rd sessions
REPORTING:	The team reports to each session of the Joint Committee and of the Steering Committee
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: Develop concepts and address main issues of the participatory process.	

B. - INFORMATION SHEET (as of June 2002)	
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. The team met in Växjö, Sweden in March 2000 to develop concepts and address main issues of the participatory process. Assist in the preparation of the Joint Committee seminars on Forestry meets the public; on Women in forestry; and on Partnerships. Report on Public participation framework and recommendations published in September 2000. Two workshops of 2.5 days each were organized with the Timber Committee's Forestry Communicators Network. in Portugal in March and in Scotland in May 2002.
Ongoing:	Draw up a report to the Joint Committee and the MCPFE on participatory management and proposals for follow-up actions.
Future:	Develop concepts and address main issues of the participatory process.
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/1999/2; TIM/EFC/WP.1/2002/2; TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/2001/2.
TEAM LEADER:	Miles Wenner (United Kingdom)
MEMBERSHIP:	Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, EU, CEPF, IFBWW, WWF/IUCN.

TEAM OF PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALISTS IN THE FOREST AND FOREST INDUSTRIES SECTOR (FOREST COMMUNICATORS NETWORK) <i>Reference to programme of work: 5.7</i>	
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	TC and EFC.
<p>EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS:</p> <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. Produce compendium of best PR practices; 4. Establish FCN extranet; 5. Present paper at World Forestry Congress 6. Produce study on consumer behaviour and attitudes towards forests and forest products; 7. Assist in PR for TC and EFC outputs such as: Lisbon Conference contributions; workshop recommendations; new publications; etc; 8. Expansion of the international network of PR specialists in the ECE region. 	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2002)	
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), Zvolen (Slovakia), Riga (Latvia). Presented paper at "Forestry Meets the Public" Joint Committee seminar, 2001. Conducted the International Forest Communicators Forum 2000 in St. John's, Newfoundland (Canada) and produced proceedings. 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. Building capacity in central and eastern European countries (CEECs). Produce proceedings from the Forum 2000. Creating FCN extranet.
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 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.
TEAM LEADER	Mr. Ingwald Gschwandtl (Austria) and Deputy Leaders, Mr. Bob Burt (Canada), Mr. Juhani Karvonen (Finland) and Mr. Tomass Kotovics (Latvia).
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, Slovenia, 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 <i>Reference to programme of work: 5.9</i>	
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
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: Up-to-date H3 database is available on Internet Timber Committee website, overview of assistance activities; Interim report on the H3 implementation.	

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), September 2001 in Debe/Warsaw (Poland). The International Workshop on "Forests and Forestry in Central and Eastern European Countries: The Transition Process and Challenges Ahead" (together with the MCPFE, September 2001). 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 follow-up to the international workshop in Poland (Debe/Warsaw, September 2001); Preparation of the H3 Interim Report.
Future:	The next meeting of the team is to be organized in 2003, provisionally after the MCPFE-2003
TEAM LEADER:	Dr. Stanislaw Zajac (Poland)
CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:	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.
