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TIMBER COMMITTEE
Sixtieth session
24-27 September 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTIETH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 24 September 2002

Opening of the meeting

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | ECE/TIM/98 |
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| 4. | Commemoration of the sixtieth session of the Timber Committee: seminar on the theme "Innovative uses of wood" | TIM/2002/3 |
| 5. | International dialogue on forests, support to the global and regional processes | TIM/2002/4 |
| 6. | Timber Committee contribution to ECE cross-sectoral work | TIM/2002/5 |
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TIM/2002/7 |

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.uncece.org/trade/timber>

8. Election of officers
9. Any other business
10. Date and place of next session
11. Adoption of the report

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

	Agenda item	Morning session	Agenda item	Afternoon session
Tuesday 24 September	1. 2. (7.)	Opening of the meeting Adoption of the agenda Strengthening of ECE, matters arising from the 57th session of ECE (If time allows, begin discussion of item 7.)	3. 4.	Market discussion Keynote presentations to mark the sixtieth session of the Committee
Wednesday 25 September	3. (cont)	Market discussion all day		
Thursday 26 September	4.	Commemoration of the sixtieth session of the Timber Committee: seminar on the theme "Innovative uses of wood" all day in Neuchâtel, Switzerland		
Friday 27 September	0900hrs 5. 6. 7.	Drafting Committee (no interpretation) International dialogue on forests, support to the global and regional processes Timber Committee contribution to ECE cross-sectoral work Review of activities and programme of work	8. 9. 10. 11.	Election of officers Any other business Date and place of next session Adoption of the report

A briefing for Missions in Geneva will be organised at 1400 hours on Tuesday (no interpretation).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Opening of the meeting

Mrs. B. Schmögnerova, Executive Secretary of ECE or her representative will open the sixtieth session of the Timber Committee.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/TIM/98)

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

Item 2. Strengthening of ECE; Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to the Committee (TIM/2002/1)

The Committee will be informed of the ongoing consultative process, launched by the Secretary General, to strengthen the UN organisation as a whole, including ECE, and about the decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-seventh session, held in May 2002, 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 7.

Item 3. Market developments in 2002 and prospects for 2003 (TIM/2001/2; ECE/TIM/BULL/55/3)

Delegations will be invited to review developments in 2002 and prospects for 2003 on the basis of the *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2001-2002 (Timber Bulletin, ECE/TIM/BULL/55/3)*, countries' written statements and forecasts. An agreed statement synthesizing the discussions and forecasts will be prepared during the session and published. A note by the secretariat will provide further information for the market discussion and country market statements.

Market discussions

The market discussion will be organized along the following lines:

1. Market effects on wood promotion (2002 theme);
2. General economic overview;
3. Value added forest products;
4. Sawn softwoods;
5. Sawn hardwoods, temperate and tropical;
6. Certified forest products;
7. Wood-based panels: particle board, plywood and fibreboard; OSB, MDF;
8. Wood raw materials (featuring wood fuel markets).

- 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 2002. In preparing statements, please refer to specific

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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 2002 and 2003 (prepared on the basis of a questionnaire to be sent out by the secretariat in July 2002) should be submitted not later than 1 September 2002. 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, 27 September to consider the draft of the report concerning market developments and prospects, which will be approved by the Committee under item 11 of the provisional agenda.

Item 4. Commemoration of the sixtieth session of the Timber Committee: seminar and visit on the theme "Innovative uses of wood" (TIM/2002/3)

The Committee's bureau agreed to have keynote presentations to mark the sixtieth session of the Timber Committee on Tuesday 24 September at 17:00hrs. This will be followed by a seminar and visit on the theme "Innovative uses of wood", to take place all day Thursday 26 September in Neuchâtel, Switzerland on the occasion of EXPO-02 at the invitation of the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape (SAEFL) and in cooperation with the Forum Forestier Lémanique (FFL). A note by the secretariat (TIM/2002/3) will provide further information and present the complete programme.

Item 5. International dialogue on forests, support to the global and regional processes (TIM/2002/4)

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 relation with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) and the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF), the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the FAO World Food Summit and the Committee on Forests (COFO) will be discussed.

Item 6. Timber Committee contribution to ECE cross-sectoral work (TIM/2002/5)

The Committee will be informed of its cross-sectoral work with other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies, notably in developing synergies in the trade/environment/timber area. The Committee will be invited to take these decisions into account when adopting its programme of work under provisional agenda item 7.

Item 7. Review of activities since the fifty-ninth session and programme of work for 2003 to 2006 (TIM/2002/6 and TIM/2002/7)

Document TIM/2002/6 will review the Committee's activities since the fifty-ninth session. The Committee will be invited to adopt its programme of work, on the basis of document TIM/2002/7 which will draw decision items to the attention of the Committee and present a draft programme of work.

Item 8. 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 sixty-first session. At the fifty-ninth session, Mr. Jeff Serveau (Canada) was reelected Chairman, and Mr. Gheorghe Florian Borlea (Romania) and Mrs. Astrid Bergquist (Sweden) Vice-Chairmen to hold office until the end of the sixtieth session.

Item 9. Any other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item. However, a briefing for Missions in Geneva will be organised at 14:00 hrs on Tuesday 24 September (no interpretation).

Item 10. Date and place of next session

Dates will be proposed for the sixty-first session of the Committee in 2003.

Item 11. 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 will be prepared separately, and finalized in cooperation with the bureau after the session. However, the Committee will be invited to approve formally the market statement based on the discussions under item 3, and approved by the Drafting Committee on Friday morning.



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