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**REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE SIXTIETH SESSION
AND PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004 TO 2007**

(Item 7 of the provisional agenda)

Note by the secretariat

The present document presents:

- an account of work carried out since the Committee's sixtieth session and a number of specific points drawn to the Committee's attention, which it may consider discussing; and
- the integrated programme of work of the Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission for the period 2004 to 2007, for review and endorsement by the Committee.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee and the Commission are expected to review implementation of the ECE/FAO integrated programme over the last year, and approve the programme for the period 2003 to 2004. According to the modalities agreed at the Strategic Review, the whole programme need not be reviewed and approved in detail by the Committee and the Commission, as the strategic direction has been agreed for the period to 2004, the work areas 1- 3 are guided by the Working Party and work area 4 by the Joint Committee, and the bureaux are responsible for overseeing implementation within the broad lines agreed. Under this agenda item the Committee and Commission should therefore:

- take note of the activities under the integrated programme of work between September 2002 and November 2003, and provide more detailed guidance for the activities in work area 5 (for which no subsidiary body provides guidance);
- discuss those policy relevant issues which need to be discussed at the intergovernmental level;
- take note of the programme of work for 2002-2004 presented by the secretariat with the endorsement of the bureaux (see bureaux report, posted on the website); and
- in view of the Strategic Review to be carried out in 2003-2004 (see TIM/2003/3), no new activities are proposed for the period after 2004 and all time-limited activities end in 2004.

2. The programme of work discussion of the Committee are based on:

PART I

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2002-SEPTEMBER 2003, AND POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- An account of work carried out over the year, which also draws the attention of the Committee; to a certain number of items;

The Committee is invited to review the activities and outputs and provide necessary guidance. Specifically the Committee's advice is sought on the issues brought to its attention by the Secretariat.

PART II

UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2003-2007

- A presentation of the integrated programme of work for the period 2003-2007, as of July 2003. The programme has been endorsed by the bureaux and takes into account the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Europe at its fifty-ninth session (see item 2 of the provisional agenda), it includes the broad programme overview, the detailed plans for each work area, the allocation of secretariat resources between programme elements, and the mandates of teams of specialists.

The Committee is invited to review and endorse the integrated programme according to the modalities developed during the Strategic Review process. It should bear in mind that all activities scheduled for the period after October 2004 are likely to be changed in the light of the Strategic Review, which will consider priorities, resources and methods of work.

PART I
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2002-SEPTEMBER 2003,
AND POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Work Area 1: Markets and Statistics

- *Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2001-2002*
- *Forest Products Markets: Prospects for 2003* publication
- *Forest Products Annual Market Analysis, 2002-2004* (FPAMA) production revised: draft before Timber Committee Market Discussions on website and final printed version, with forecasts from TCMDs, at end of year.
- *Forest Certification Update for the UNECE Region: Summer 2002*
- Timber Committee Market Discussions conducted based on presentations circulated before the meeting. Documented through Timber Committee Market Statement and press release (October 2002). To be repeated in October 2003.
- Team of Specialists on Forest Products Markets and Marketing, second and third meeting (October 2002 and 2003). Work launched and new terms of reference proposed for Bureaux.
- Market presentations given at
 - “Best Practices in Wood Products and Forests Communications Forum” in Vancouver
 - “European-American Hardwood Convention” in Lisbon
- Statistics on forest fires 1999-2001, *Timber Bulletin*, issue No. 4.
- Data were collected and validated in an integrated system with FAO, Eurostat and ITTO, coordinated through regular meetings of the Intersecretariat Working Group.
- TIMBER database on forest products updated and available through ECE and FAO web sites.

Points For Discussion

- ***The Committee may provide guidance on the new focus and organisation of the market analysis and discussions?***

Work Area 2: Forest Resource Assessment

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2002/2003

- The ECE/FAO contribution to planning and preparation of the global FRA 2005 update was the main focus during the reported period. In accordance with the recommendations of the global FRA expert consultation “Kotka-IV” (July 2002) the global FRA advisory group (AG) was set up and held its first meeting in Nairobi (Kenya) in October 2002, and the second meeting in Rome in March 2003. The UNECE/FAO was represented at the AG meetings by the secretariat and members of the regional FRA Team of Specialists. The AG technical advice and recommendations are taken into full consideration when planning and outlining the FRA 2005 scope, coverage and methodology.
- The report on the “*State of Europe’s Forests*” reviewing the situation of sustainable forest management in Europe was submitted to the Fourth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

The report was based on updated and validated FRA-2000 information, which was collected by ECE/FAO during the years 2002-2003. The information supplied included the latest FRA statistics, as well as the analysis of this information, which constituted an important part of the reporting to the Ministerial Conference. The statistical data provided, responded to the majority of the pan-European criteria and quantitative indicators for SFM. This work has also served to updating the global FRA dataset.

- Assessment guidelines for protected and protective forests and other wooded land in Europe were elaborated on the basis of the analysis of national data reported in the process of the regional FRA-2000 and reported to MCPFE-2003.
- The study “*Analysis of Long-term Historical Changes in European Forest Resources*” is at the stage of publication. As noted by the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party, this study is a good example of synergies between the two work areas of the UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work (FRA and EFSOS).
- The regional FRA-2000 information posted on Internet at the ECE Timber Committee website has taken one of the leading positions in UNECE according to “hits”, “downloads” or “visits” during the last years.
- The UNECE/FAO regional FRA Team of Specialists (ToS) meeting is to be held in Dresden in September 2003. The ToS has to define what FRA work has to be implemented in the forthcoming years at the regional level, additionally to what is to be covered by the global FRA 2005.

Points for discussion:

- *The Committee is invited to discuss the UNECE/FAO regional FRA work in the context of the new approaches and comprehensive coverage of the Global FRA aiming to include “information on all aspects of forest resources”, in line with the recommendations of the Sixteenth Session of FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO).*

Work area 3: European Forest Sector Outlook Studies (EFSOS)

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2002/2003

The following activities were undertaken, or will be undertaken, during the period between September 2002 and October 2003:

- Since September 2002 the work was focussed on finalising the EFSOS Discussion Papers and the main EFSOS report. (see TIM/2003/3 for more details). Together with the EFSOS Team of Specialists, efforts were made to provide the analytical outcomes on forest resources, forest products markets and policy scenarios with as little delay as possible while aiming for a reasonable level of quality.
- Two EFSOS publications were released under the Geneva Discussion Papers series: A long-term “Forecasts of Economic Growth...” in European countries, which provides the required input for the econometric modelling and a special study about “Employment trends and prospects..”. Three Discussion Papers are in the publishing process, another three in final editing and two, including the

EFSOS main report, are in final drafting. These reports will be provided to the Timber Committee session by mid September.

- Efforts were made through the end of 2002 to run various additional complementary activities, such as an outlook case study on the Russian forest sector and a synopsis of common legal issues in forestry legislation.
- Additional funds were provided at the end of 2002 by the Swedish government. The funds are mainly directed at further analysis of developments in the Eastern European forest sector.
- EFSOS activities and draft outcomes were presented to the session of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics in February 2003 as well as to the Joint Bureaux meeting of the ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission in March 2003. The Working Party approved the activities and commented on the draft outcomes and welcomed the launch of a special study on Eastern Europe "Progress towards a market Economy in Eastern Europe", based on financial support by the Swedish government. The bureaux meeting suggested focussing all available resources on finalising the Discussion Papers and the main EFSOS report.
- The annual EFSOS meeting took place at the end of April 2003 in Geneva. The meeting reviewed in detail the EFSOS activities and outcomes, discussed policy relevant conclusions and made adjustments to the work plan, taking into account the above mentioned transfer of the coordinator. FAO HQ agreed to provide special support to EFSOS.

The following issues are brought to the attention of the Committee:

- *Under item 4 of the Provisional Agenda, delegations are invited to discuss the EFSOS activities and outcomes, notably to comment on the draft main EFSOS report, in particular the policy relevant conclusions and the planned workshop.*
- *Pending the Strategic Review, there are at present no other activities on European Forest Sector Outlook Studies planned. This is reflected in the attached programme of work. The Committee may however indicate areas for future follow up, especially to facilitate the Strategic Review process.*

Work area 4: Technology, management and training

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2002/2003

Activities under this work area are guided by the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, which held its twenty-fourth session in Ennis, Ireland in September 2002, just before the session of the Timber Committee and that of the European Forestry Commission.

- Seminar on Partnerships in Forestry, Brussels, Belgium, June 2002.
- Seminar on afforestation in the context of sustainable forest management, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland, September 2002.

- Workshop on Forest Operation Improvements in Farm Forests, 9 -14 September 2003, Logarska Dolina, Slovenia.
- Seminar on Close to Nature Forestry, 14-19 October 2003, Zvolen, Slovakia.
- Steering Committee of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, 16th session, 12-13 October.
- International Forest Fire News (IFFN) No. 26, January-June 2002. No. 27, July-December 2002 and No. 28, January-June 2003 (in press).
- The FAO/ECE/ILO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire, with a variety of partners, established 9 regional wildfire networks, helped to organise a Workshop on Multilateral Assistance against Forest Fires in the Mediterranean Basin, Zaragoza, Spain 10-11 June 2003 and contributed to the 3rd International Wildland Fire Conference and Global Fire Summit; Sydney, Australia 4-8 October 2003.

There is a proposal to set up a team of specialists on the role of women in forestry for a 2-year period, for which resources have already been secured. This proposal will be considered by the Steering Committee of the Joint Committee in October. The proposal is in accordance with the ECE cross-sectoral emphasis on gender issues.

The following issue is brought to the attention of the Committee:

- *The Committee may also consider how the 50th anniversary of the Joint Committee in 2004 could be used as an opportunity to highlight its accomplishments and what action needs to be taken in this regard.*

Work area 5: Policy and cross-sectoral issues

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2002/2003

- Contributions were made and activities coordinated with the regional and global forest dialogue, notably through contributions to the Fourth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) and the UN Forum on Forests (see TIM/2003/4 for full details).
- A report on recent developments for forest policies and institutions was prepared in draft form for the European Forestry Commission session, discussed, revised in the light of comments received and is being prepared for publication. The EFC also identified nine “major issues confronting policy makers for the forest sector” which were transmitted to COFO.
- With regard to countries in transition, under the mandate of resolution H3 of MCPFE, the database on forestry assistance to countries in transition was revised and posted on the website. Its content is being updated on a continuing basis. A report, based on these data was published and submitted to the MCPFE. The Team of Specialists will meet in Poland in spring 2004.

- Country profiles were issued on countries in transition. A profile on Georgia was issued, on Ukraine is in press, on Bulgaria is in preparation and on Serbia and Montenegro is planned.
- On trade and environment issues, developments for certification were monitored (see work area 1). An ECE/FAO Roundtable on forest, trade and environment: working together for sustainable development was held in Geneva on 9 July 2003. The proceedings will be made available on the website shortly.
- Policy analysis continued, notably under EFSOS (see work area 3), which has stressed the cross-sectoral approach and developed new analytical tools. The format of other activities is being adapted to make them more focussed on policy issues. This is notably the case with the *Forest Products Annual Market Analysis* and the Timber Committee session itself.
- The Forest Communicators Network met in May 2003 and will meet in September 2003, during the World Forestry Congress.
- A seminar on promoting the sound use of wood was held in Romania in March 2003, which made a number of important policy recommendations for the Committee and other bodies (TIM/SEM.1/2003/2).

The following issues are brought to the attention of the Committee:

- *The Committee may take note of the conclusions and recommendations of the seminar on promoting the sound use of wood and give preliminary consideration as to how they should be implemented (these proposals should be discussed in full during the Strategic Review).*
- *The Committee is also invited to review the outcome of the ECE/FAO roundtable on forests, trade and environment, and indicate whether this approach might be repeated.*

PART II
UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2003-2007

3. Set out below is the integrated programme of work of the Committee and the Commission for the period 2003 to 2007. 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 (2004, 2006, etc.);
- the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training meets every two years (2004, 2006 etc.); and
- 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, but not to the Timber Committee, so are not reported on here.

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 Branch 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.

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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 market analysis. 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 Analysis" Annual market discussions • <i>Timber Bulletin</i>, Issue 6, "Forest Products Markets Prospects" • Periodic market reports in <i>Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers</i> and special chapters in the "Forest Products Annual Market Analysis" 	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 Analysis" • 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 of the UNECE region, mostly through national correspondents. Developing relevant terms and definitions, 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, Internet, 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 reporting on the existing sets of Pan-European 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 preparation of the global FRA-2005 round.	Providing data on forest resources of the industrialised countries UNECE region to the Global FRA process; participation in the Advisory Group of global FRA for the elaboration of the common global framework for the forest resources assessment; global core set of variables and "data items", and in the development of the assessment methods.	Sets of data on forest resources of the ECE region countries (temperate and boreal), and interim data sets. Guidelines for the assessment(s)	Continuing
2.5 Country forestry profiles of countries in transition	The periodic preparation by national experts and publication of forestry country profiles, mainly 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/ Discussion 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 regional FRA 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, participation in the global FRA Advisory Group and periodic meetings of national correspondents.	Continuing

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Deadline/ current status
Work area 3: EUROPEAN FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES (EFSOS)			
3.1 Outlook for European forest products markets	Description of scenarios of future development of major parameters such as production, consumption and trade flows, based on econometric modelling or more advanced methods. Input data will be updated and the methodology improved as the availability of resources allow.	Forecast of economic growth Estimation of elasticities and Outlook on forest products markets Outlook on Employment and labour issues	Published 9/2003 in publishing process Published
3.2 Outlook for European forest resources	Description of the development of forest resources by their main parameters, (area, growing stock and increment); link it to the sustainable availability of removals from thinnings and clear cuttings. "Inventory" input data will be updated and the methodology improved as the availability of resources allow.	Outlook on European forest resources	9/2003 Final editing
3.3 Analysis of long term historical driving forces	Desirable base for outlook studies. Scope depends on availability of resources.	Historical trends of forest resources Historical trends of forest products markets	7/2003 in publishing process 11/2003 Final editing
3.4 Complementary case studies on particular policy issues 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 Renewable Energy Sources Western Asia and Middle East outlook study Synopsis of national forest legislation	9/2003 in publishing process temporary set to low priority (lack of resources) 12/2006 11/2003 final drafting
3.5 Policy scenarios analysis	Analyses will be carried out with goal to describe the impact of various policy scenarios (internal or external) to the sector. Progress towards market economy in Eastern Europe - consequences for the forest sector	Major Impacts on the European Forest Sector as a part of the baseline study report Main EFSOS report Data and information gathering, Trade flow analysis, Policy scenario analysis	9/2003 final editing 12/2003 final drafting 3/2004 work in progress

Programme element	Description:	Outputs	Deadline/ current status
Work area 3: EUROPEAN FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES (EFSOS) (Continued)			
3.6 Information network, public relations of EFSOS, fund raising	<p>Information: existing knowledge (literature and web sources) will be collected and maintained.</p> <p>Network: The ToS meets 1-2 times a year to advise the secretariat A final meeting will be held, probably in December 2003 to discuss the policy implications of EFSOS and needs for future outlook analysis</p> <p>Dissemination, outreach: Various activities will be organised to present and disseminate EFSOS outputs</p> <p>Fund raising: The secretariat will organise fund raising activities.</p>	<p>Database, other relevant information</p> <p>Special workshop on policy relevant conclusions</p> <p>web page, CD, hard copy publications</p> <p>additional funds and additional outcomes/ activities</p>	<p>Temporary low priority</p> <p>Team mandate finishes 2004. Future activity depends on outcome of December meeting and strategic review</p> <p>12/2003 in preparation</p> <p>Continuing</p> <p>Temporary low priority</p>

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 2004
	2. New roles and modes of operation of forest services	Seminar in the Netherlands	2004
	3. Afforestation	Seminar in Ireland, The proceedings will be published.	2002
	4. Disaster preparedness in forestry	Activities of a team of specialists	to 2004
	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 to be decided	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	2004 or 2005
	3. Multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable areas	Workshop in Sochi, Russian Federation	2004
	4. Forest operation improvements in farm forests	Workshop in Slovenia	2003
	5. Mechanization of forest operations in the mountains	Activity to be decided by the Steering Committee's sixteenth session in 2003	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	2003
	4. Traditional forest-related knowledge	Activity to be decided by the Steering Committee's sixteenth session in 2003	2005
	5. Role of contractors in forestry	Activity to be decided by the Steering Committee's sixteenth session in 2003	2006
	6. Safety and health in forest operations		2007
	7. Forestry workforce		2006
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

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 UNECE region, the TC and the EFC establish this team to: 1. Provide a forum for discussion of forest products marketing in the UNECE region. In particular, contribute to the Committee's annual market discussions and thereby advise the TC and EFC on forest products market developments. 2. Advise implementation of Work, Area 1: Markets and Statistics of the Integrated Programme of Work of the TC and EFC, focusing on its products and publications and undertaking studies as appropriate. 3. Provide assistance in marketing in the UNECE region, especially to central and eastern European countries, through information collection, analysis and dissemination, including workshops.
DURATION:	Until October 2004
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:	
1. Participate in annual TC Market Discussions and other areas of the Forest Products Marketing Programme. 2. Via a survey, review and advise the TC and EFC on their market-related publications and products, specifically these issues of the Timber Bulletin: "Forest Products Annual Market Analysis", "Forest Products Markets Prospects", "Forest Products Prices", "Forest Products Trade Flow Data" and "Forest Products Statistics" and the website Market Information System. 3. Based on a literature review, and outcome of a discussion at the TC Market Discussions in October 2003, undertake a study on possible effects on forest products markets of measures to ensure forest law enforcement and governance.	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2003)	
ACTIVITIES	
Past:	Participated in Timber Committee Market Discussions (TCMDs) in conjunction with annual meetings in 2001 and 2002. Established intranet website for information exchange.
Ongoing:	Preparation of illegal logging discussion at TCMDs 2003. Preparing study of wood promotion campaign effectiveness. Surveying TC market-related publications. Overseeing UNECE/FAO Forest Products Marketing Programme.
Future:	Depending on outcome of TCMDs 2003 and associated Team meeting.
References:	Report of Joint Bureaux Meeting, ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva 4-5 March 2003.
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, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, EC, FAO, ITTO, CEPI, ITC, EPF.

TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON EUROPEAN 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
APPROVED BY:	Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.
REPORTING:	To the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: comment on draft outcomes, review policy relevant conclusions, support implementation of the outcomes.	
B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2003)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	<p>Annual EFSOS meeting in March 2000: EFSOS activities 1999/2000, Description of medium-term EFSOS tasks, EFSOS working programme 2000/2001</p> <p>Informal meeting "Use of Global Forest Sector Model in the frame of EFSOS" July 2000</p> <p>Meeting in December 2000 "Policy oriented scenario studies in the frame of EFSOS"</p> <p>Annual EFSOS meeting in March 2001: EFSOS activities 1999/2000, Work plan for 2000/2001, Special topic "European Timber Trends and prospects"</p> <p>Meeting in December 2001 "Meta-study of scenarios with major impacts to the European Forest Sector"</p> <p>Annual EFSOS meeting in May 2002: EFSOS activities 2001/2002, Work plan for 2002/2003, Draft outlook outcomes</p> <p>Annual EFSOS meeting in April 2003: EFSOS activities 2002/2003, Work plan for 2003, draft outcomes, policy relevant conclusions</p>
Ongoing:	Informal working meetings
Future:	meeting in conjunction with the Timber Committee session in October 2003 smaller working meetings as necessary, involving members of the team
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.2/2003/8
TEAM LEADER:	Not appointed
CURRENT PARTICIPANT:	<p>So far the EFSOS Team of Specialists has included officially nominated representatives from the following countries: AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, CYPRUS, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, HUNGARY, IRELAND, LATVIA, LUXEMBOURG, MOLDOVA, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, USA, YUGOSLAVIA. International partner organisations like (FAO, EU, EFI and others) are participating actively. Additionally, outlook study experts, policy makers and entrepreneurs attend the meetings.</p> <p>New members may be recruited to cover the planned EFSOS activities.</p>

UNECE/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 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; 25 th session, February 2003, TIM/EFC/WP.2/2003/8
REPORTING:	Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.
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, contribution to planning and preparation of the global FRA 2005 update	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2003)	
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); September 2003 (Germany). • Meetings of national FRA 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; • Publication (jointly with MCPFE Liaison Unit) of the “<i>State of Europe’s Forests</i>”.
Ongoing:	Follow-up to the “Kotka-IV” global FRA expert consultation, and contribution to the planning and preparation of the global Forest Resources Assessment 2005; Consolidation of experience and lessons learnt from the FRA-2000, notably as regards definitions and measurement of “new” parameters/variables, especially those with high policy relevance
Future:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation, as requested, and contribution in the preparation of the global Forest Resources Assessment 2005; • 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 FRA 10-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; TIM/EFC/WP.2/2003/8
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, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, UNEP, EU/Joint Research Centre (Ispra), WWF, European Forest Institute.

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 2004; 5. bi-annual publication of <i>International Forest Fire News</i> (IFFN). 	
B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of June 2003)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	Meetings in 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; with a variety of partners, established 9 regional wildfire networks, contributed to the Workshop on Multilateral Assistance against Forest Fires in the Mediterranean Basin, Zaragoza, Spain 10-11 June 2003 and is contributing to the preparation of the 3 rd International Wildland Fire Conference and Global Fire Summit; Sydney, Australia 4-8 October 2003.
Ongoing:	International Forest Fire News
Future:	Holding a seminar in Turkey in 2004 Meeting of the team on the occasion of the third International Wildfire Conference, Sydney, Australia from 4 to 8 October 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, TIM/EFC/WP.1/2002/2 . 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) <i>Reference to programme of work: 4.1.4</i>	
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:	<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, 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 2004
APPROVED BY	Joint Committee, 24 th session
REPORTING:	The team reports to each session of the Joint Committee and of the Steering Committee
EXPECTED OUTPUT IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: The team has not yet met and there is a proposal to merge its activities with those of other organisations.	

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 2004
APPROVED BY:	The Joint Committee's 22 nd , 23 rd and 24 th 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 July 2003)	
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:	The team had completed work on the first part of its mandate, participation, and will finalise by early next year the second part on raising awareness. 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. The team will assist in the preparation of the seminar on New roles and modes of operation of forest services in the Netherlands in 2004.
References:	TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/1999/2; TIM/EFC/WP.1/2002/2; TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/2001/2, TIM/EFC/WP.1/2002/2.
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), Joint session, Rome 2000, ECE/TIM/96
References:	ECE/TIM/91, EFC Session, FO: EFC/98/rep, paragraph 26 Programme element 5.7
MANDATE	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): <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 TC/EFC Bureaux Meeting, March 2003 Report.
REPORTING	TC and 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. 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 2003)	
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) St. John's, Newfoundland (Canada), Zvolen (Slovakia), Riga (Latvia) and Edinburgh, Scotland (United Kingdom). 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. Participated in <i>Strategies for Sound Use of Wood</i> seminar (Romania). Created FCN extranet and listserver.
Ongoing	Advising on PR for the outputs of the Committee and the Commission. Preparing follow-up in Europe in 2004 of the Best Practices in Wood Products and Forests Communications: an International Networking Forum held in Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada) in 2002. Building capacity in central and eastern European countries (CEECs) with <i>train the trainers</i> sessions. Follow-up of recommendations from <i>Strategies for Sound Use of Wood</i> seminar.
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 200 PR specialists.

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 " <i>Forestry Cooperation with Countries with Economies in Transition</i> " 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: Updated list of H3 national coordinators, Updated H3 database is available on Internet: Timber Committee website; overview of assistance projects and activities; Meeting of the Team of Specialists in spring 2004.	

B. INFORMATION SHEET (as of July 2003)	
ACTIVITIES:	
Past:	Meetings of the Team (November 1997 in Ljubljana, Slovenia; July 1999 in Gmunden, Austria, September 2001 in Debe/Warsaw, Poland). Report to Lisbon conference in 1998; 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); Interim report on the H3 implementation for MCPFE-2003; Poster for the Ministerial Conference.
Ongoing:	Compiling the information from countries, signatories of the Resolution H3, on the activities undertaken for its implementation. Up-dating the list of activities concerning transition to a market economy in the sector and storing 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 process; The follow-up to the MCPFE-2003 decisions relating to CITs activities
Future:	The next meeting of the team is to be organized in spring 2004, provisionally in Poland
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.