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Timber Committee

Sixty-eighth session

Geneva, 11–14 October 2010

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-eighth session¹

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Monday 11 October 2010 starting at 10 a.m.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in a changing international environment: briefing and discussion of recent developments.
3. Matters arising from the sixty-third session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
4. Market developments in 2010 and prospects for 2011: Joint session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Timber Committee and the Society of Wood Science and Technology:
 - (a) Market discussion: Forest products markets rebound in the United Nations Economic Commission region: Innovative wood products lead the way;
 - (b) Country market statements;
 - (c) Country market forecasts;
 - (d) Drafting Committee.
5. Building codes and standards: Influence on material use and construction practices: a joint Policy Forum of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Society of Wood Science and Technology.

¹ Documents available for all sessions, and more information, including the registration form, at www.unece.org/timber

6. Review of activities since the sixty-seventh session, programme of work and performance evaluation.
7. Election of officers.
8. Any other business.
9. Date and place of next session.
10. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Ján Kubiš, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will open the sixty-eighth session of the Timber Committee.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2010/1

2. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda. The Committee will review the agenda, propose changes if deemed necessary, and adopt it as the basis for the session.

2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in a changing international environment: briefing and discussion of recent developments

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2010/2

3. The Committee will be briefed on developments of relevance to its work within processes and organisations such as the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), Forest Europe (Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), and others. The Committee will be invited to take these into account when deciding on its future work.

3. Matters arising from the sixty-third session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2010/3

4. The Committee will be informed of programme developments in light of the decisions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-third session, held on 31 March to 1 April 2009. Under this agenda item, the Committee will also be invited to review the implementation of decisions pertaining to the UNECE reform and the development of work on policies and institutions. The Committee will be invited to take these decisions and developments into account when adopting its programme of work under provisional agenda item 6.

4. Market developments in 2010 and prospects for 2011: Joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and the Society of Wood Science and Technology

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2010/4

5. The Committee will review market developments in 2010 and prospects for 2011 on the basis of: the *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2009-2010 (Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper, ECE/TIM/SP/26)*, country statements, country market forecasts and expert presentations. An agreed statement synthesizing the discussions and forecasts will be prepared during the session and published immediately afterwards as a press release.

(a) Market Discussion: Forest products markets rebound in the United Nations Economic Commission region: Innovative wood products lead the way

6. The discussion theme is “Forest products markets rebound in the UNECE region: Innovative wood products lead the way”, will include a session on markets for use of solid and engineered wood products in green construction and then cover the market and policy developments in specific market sectors.

(b) Country market statements

7. Delegations are invited to submit statements on country markets based on specific instructions that will be provided in a secretariat request to heads of delegation. Country reports are requested in electronic format only and will be posted in advance on the Timber Committee/European Forestry Commission website. Timber Committee delegations are reminded that their country market statements in English, French or Russian, are expected to reach the secretariat² by 10 September 2010.

(c) Country market forecasts

8. Country market forecasts for 2010 and 2011 are prepared on the basis of the Timber Committee Questionnaire to be sent out by the secretariat at the end of July 2010. Replies should be submitted to the secretariat not later than 10 September 2010.² Supplementary copies of the questionnaire may be obtained from the secretariat on request, or from the website.

(d) Drafting Committee

9. It is proposed that the Drafting Committee for the Timber Committee Market Statement meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, 14 October, to consider the draft of the report concerning market developments and prospects, which will be approved by the Committee under item 12 of the provisional agenda.

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5. Building codes and standards: Influence on material use and construction practices: a joint Policy Forum of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Society of Wood Science

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10. The Timber Committee Policy Forum will be held jointly with the Society of Wood Science and Technology. The joint Policy Forum will focus on “Building codes and standards: Influence on material use and construction practices”, and cover:

- (a) Codes and standards: State of the art and prospects;
- (b) Role of life cycle analysis in developing building codes and standards;
- (c) The role of wood products in mitigating climate change;
- (d) Users’ demands and their impact on the forest-based sector.

6. Review of activities since the sixty-seventh session, programme of work and performance evaluation

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2010/6

11. The Committee will be informed of activities since its sixty-seventh session, as well as of the outcome of the thirty-fifth session of the European Forestry Commission. At that session, the Commission, on the basis of a proposal of the joint Bureaux of the Committee and the Commission, decided to amend the Strategic Plan of the Integrated Programme of Work on timber and forestry so as to fully integrate all the subsidiary bodies of the Commission. The activities of *Silva Mediterranea* and the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds are therefore now included in the Strategic Plan and the Committee will receive a proposal on how their mandates can also be included. The Committee will also consider proposals on how to strengthen its work on economics and policy.

12. The Committee will also be presented with a provisional list of outputs for the period 2010–2011 for its consideration. Furthermore, the Committee will be presented with the results of the 2008–2009 biennial evaluations and the proposed cluster-level framework for the next biennial evaluation 2010–11 as reviewed and approved by the joint Bureaux at its meeting on 24–25 February 2010.

7. Election of officers

13. In accordance with its Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Committee is expected to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the seventieth session. At the sixty-seventh session, Mr. Branko Glavonjic (Serbia), Chair, Mr. Johann Dengg (Germany) and Ms. Linda Langner (United States) as Vice-Chairs, were elected to hold office until the end of the sixty-eighth session.

8. Any other business

14. None at the time of writing.

9. Date and place of next session

15. The Committee is invited to select the venue and date of its sixty-ninth session. The Committee will be informed of the proposal tabled by the delegation of Turkey to host a joint session of the sixty-ninth session of the Timber Committee and the thirty-sixth session of the European Forestry Commission, together with the twentieth session of the Near East Forestry Commission in Turkey.

10. Adoption of the report

16. The Committee will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. According to the UNECE Plan of Action, the report will be short and decision oriented. The Committee will be also invited to approve formally the market statement based on the discussions under item 4, and approved by the Drafting Committee on the morning of 14 October 2010.

III. Tentative timetable

Timber Committee, Sixty-eighth session

Monday, 11 October 2010

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| 10.00 | Item 1. Adoption of the agenda |
| | Item 2. UNECE/FAO in a changing international environment |
| | Item 3. Matters arising from the sixty-third session of the UNECE |
| 15.00 | Item 4. Market developments in 2010 and prospects for 2011: Joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and the Society of Wood Science and Technology |
| 18.00 | TC and SWST Chairs reception |

Tuesday, 12 October 2010

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| 10.00 | Item 4. Market developments (continued all day) |
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Wednesday, 13 October 2010

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| 10.00 | Item 5. Building codes and standards: Influence on material use and construction practices: a joint Policy Forum of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Society of Wood Science and Technology |
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Thursday, 14 October 2010

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| 10.00 | Item 6. Review of activities since the sixty-seventh session, programme of work and performance evaluation |
| | Item 7. Election of officers |
| | Item 8. Any other business |
| | Item 9. Date and place of next session |
| | Item 10. Adoption of the report |
| 13.00 | End of Timber Committee session. |
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