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**Matters relating to the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry:
decisions on matters relating to the
Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry**

Decisions relating to the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

Background

1. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry held its seventy-ninth session from 22 to 25 November 2021. The report of the session is contained in document ECE/TIM/2021/2-FO:EFC/2021/2.
2. At its seventy-ninth session, the Committee adopted the Programme of Work of the Forests and Forest Industry Subprogramme for 2022, as contained in document ECE/TIM/2021/9-FO:EFC/2021/9.
3. The Committee also adopted the Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW) 2022–2025 (as contained in annex II of ECE/TIM/2021/2-FO:EFC/2021/2), which contains the Terms of Reference of the subsidiary bodies and Teams of Specialists. In particular, the Committee and the European Forestry Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) agreed to:
 - (a) Extend the mandates of the following teams of specialists (ToS) for the period 2022–2023:
 - (i) Team of specialists on boreal forests;
 - (ii) Team of specialists on monitoring sustainable forest management;
 - (iii) Team of specialists on sustainable forest;
 - (iv) Team of specialists on forest communication (Forest Communicators' Network).
 - (b) Approve the merging of the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy and the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and with it the new Terms of Reference of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products and Wood Energy Statistics, as contained in annex II of ECE/TIM/2021/2-FO:EFC/2021/2 for the period 2022–2023 with a possibility of being renewed to 2025.
4. Further, the Committee decided not to seek an extension of the mandate of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook for the duration of the Integrated Programme of Work



2022–2025, given the completion of the Forest Sector Outlook Study 2021. Work on dissemination of the results of the outlook study and related capacity building activities will be continued by the Joint Section.

5. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the above-mentioned decisions.

Draft Decision

6. The Executive Committee hereby approves:

- (a) The Programme of Work of the Forests and Forest Industry Subprogramme for 2022, as contained in document ECE/TIM/2021/9-FO:EFC/2021/9;

- (b) The revised Terms of Reference of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products and Wood Energy Statistics as contained in annex II of ECE/TIM/2021/2-FO:EFC/2021/2 for the period 2022–2023 with a possibility of being renewed to 2025¹;

- (c) The extension of the mandate for the period 2022–2023 of the following teams of specialists, as contained in document ECE/TIM/2021/2-FO:EFC/2021/2:

- (i) Team of specialists on boreal forests;

- (ii) Team of specialists on monitoring sustainable forest management;

- (iii) Team of specialists on sustainable forest products;

- (iv) Team of specialists on forest communication (Forest Communicators' Network).

¹ Outcome of the merger of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Wood Energy.