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Ninth session	Rome, Italy	7-14 May 1957
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Fourteenth session	Geneva, Switzerland	9-11 October 1968
Fifteenth session	Rome, Italy	7-11 September 1970
Sixteenth session	Rome, Italy	3-6 May 1972
Seventeenth session	Geneva, Switzerland	20-24 October 1975
Eighteenth session	Rome, Italy	13-17 September 1977
Nineteenth session	Rome, Italy	24-28 September 1979
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RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

GLOBAL FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 1990

Follow-up to the 1990 assessment and preparations for the Assessment 2000

1. The meeting recognized the need to ensure that forest resources assessments (temperate forests) take fully into account the policy questions and information needs of policy-makers from the design stage of the inquiry (para. 8).
2. The meeting welcomed the additional resources to be applied to this activity in the 1994-95 Programme of Work and Budget and recommended that FAO in the future continue to increase its funding to forestry (para. 9).
3. The meeting acknowledged that better comparability of data generated by forest resources assessments in the various regions of the world was of paramount importance. It gave general support to securing agreement world-wide on concepts and classifications for global forest resources assessments (para. 12).

IMPLICATIONS OF UNCED

4. The meeting supported the recommendation of COFO to enhance the role of the FAO regional forestry commissions in support of coordination, monitoring and reporting on national progress achieved in UNCED follow-up implementation in forestry (para. 17).

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE FOREST AND FOREST INDUSTRIES SECTOR

5. In noting the terms of reference and programme of work of the FAO/ECE Team of Public Relations Specialists in the Forest and Forest Industries Sector, the meeting expressed support and encouraged the team to focus on activities such as the "public relations toolkit" for countries that wished to use it (para. 38).

COOPERATION WITH OTHER COMMISSIONS

6. In view of the high degree of common interest in the subjects addressed by the North American Forestry Commission (NAFC) and the European Forestry Commission (EFC), the Commission recommended close cooperation between the two Commissions and warmly accepted the invitation to the Chairman of EFC to attend the next session of NAFC. It further recommended that cooperation between the two Commissions be a regular item on its own agenda (para. 58).

INTRODUCTION

1. The ECE Timber Committee, for its fifty-first session, and the FAO European Forestry Commission, for its twenty-sixth session, met jointly in FAO headquarters, Rome, from 11 to 15 October 1993. The session was attended by representatives from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Economic Community, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America.
2. The following intergovernmental organization participated: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
3. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: European Confederation of Woodworking Industries, European Federation of Associations of Particleboard Manufacturers, European Forest Institute, Greenpeace International, International Technical Tropical Timber Association and the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations.
4. The session was addressed by Mr C. H. Murray, Assistant Director-General and Head of the Forestry Department, on behalf of the Director-General of FAO, Mr Edouard Saouma, and by Mr J. Vercueil, Director of the Joint ECE/FAO Agriculture and Timber Division (Geneva), on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Mr Y. Berthelot.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Item 1 of the agenda)

5. The provisional agenda, as set out in document ECE/TIM/69;FO:EFC/93/1, was adopted.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAIRING THE JOINT SESSION (Item 2 of the agenda)

6. The session agreed that the Chairman of the Timber Committee and the Chairman of the European Forestry Commission be co-chairmen of the joint session.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND THE COMMITTEE

GLOBAL FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 1990: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FOREST AND FOREST INDUSTRY SECTOR IN THE TEMPERATE ZONE (Item 3 of the agenda) (TIM/R.220; FO:EFC/93/2)

- (a) Main findings and policy implications of the temperate zone Forest Resource Assessment 1990 (FRA 90) (TIM/R.221; FO:EFC/93/3)

7. The joint session based its discussion of this item on a secretariat note (TIM/R.221;FO:EFC/93/3) and on a paper by the European Forest Institute (EFI). The session thanked EFI for its contribution to the discussion and noted that all users would have free access to data which EFI would obtain from international organizations.

8. The conclusions of the debate were:

- the design of the enquiry needed to be expanded to address more specific policy questions and information needs of policy makers; in particular, the implications of the increasing interest in non-wood forest functions must be taken into account;
- forest cover in Europe is relatively stable, partly as a result of well enforced forest policies. Yet FRA-90 could only provide limited information on the quality and location of the resources which required also more attention in future assessments;
- the over-supply of wood in many countries made it urgent to develop new markets for wood, especially small-sized wood;

- forest owners should apply flexible, site specific, management strategies;
- forest management for meeting all the varied needs of society was not cheap: this should be taken into account by public policy makers. At the same time, all possible steps should be taken to reduce costs and increase incomes;
- the particular needs of the Mediterranean forests should continue to be addressed, notably through the Mediterranean Forest Action Plan and the work of *Silva Mediterranea*;
- it was important to inform, educate and involve the public in forest sector decision making.

(b) Follow-up to the 1990 assessment and preparations for the Assessment 2000

9. The meeting commended FAO and ECE for the work done on the Forest Resources Assessment 1990, including the analysis made of the results and the identification of issues to be solved by future assessments. It emphasized that global forest resources assessment was a core activity of FAO's Forestry Department. It therefore welcomed the additional resources to be applied to this activity in the 1994-95 Programme of Work and Budget and recommended that FAO in the future continue to increase its funding to forestry.

10. The meeting noted that one of the main findings of the assessment for the industrialized countries was the increasing importance of all other functions of the forest as well as that of timber producing. It emphasized the need to introduce efficient indicators to measure the relevant factors, such as biodiversity and forest vitality.

11. The proposals made by the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, based on the findings of the "Kotka II" meeting¹ with regard to the programme and technical modalities of future global forest resources assessments were noted. The meeting requested the secretariats to take the necessary measures to refine and implement those proposals.

12. The meeting acknowledged that better comparability of data generated by forest resources assessments in the various regions of the world was of paramount importance. It gave general support to securing agreement world-wide on concepts and classifications for global forest resources assessments. To ensure that these assessments take fully into account the information needs of policy-makers, it encouraged better use of COFO, the regional forestry commissions and the Timber Committee as sources of advice.

IMPLICATIONS OF UNCED (UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, RIO DE JANEIRO, JUNE 1992) (Item 4 of the agenda) (TIM/R.223; FO:EFC/93/5))

13. The meeting emphasized that UNCED had stressed the need for all countries to prepare national forestry action plans and that the implementation of UNCED follow-up programmes was the responsibility of national governments. In this context major forestry issues in Europe included the increased availability of land for forestry, over-production of wood, forest damage and heightened interest in non-wood forest products, functions and services.

14. After having been informed of ongoing and planned activities of FAO, as a response to UNCED in forestry, the meeting reiterated the call of other fora for FAO to strengthen its role in the implementation of UNCED decisions.

15. The meeting was informed that FAO was requested to deal with land issues in an integrated manner as called for in UNCED Agenda 21, especially chapters 10 to 14. It also noted the decision

¹ FAO/ECE meeting of experts on forest resources assessment held in Kotka (Finland) in May 1993 in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with support of the Finnish Government.

of the inter-agency committee on sustainable development (IACSD) to assign to FAO responsibilities in these areas as "task manager".

16. Several delegations emphasized that the necessary involvement in UNCED follow-up activities should lead to a re-consideration of priorities in FAO's future work programme with a reduction of efforts in other areas. One delegation, however, informed that it would make available more extra-budgetary resources for forestry and encouraged other delegations to consider doing likewise.

17. The meeting supported the recommendation of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) to enhance the role of the FAO regional forestry commissions in support of coordination, monitoring and reporting on national progress achieved in UNCED follow-up implementation in forestry. It underlined the need for inter-regional consultations and exchange of information. It noted, however, that not all regional forestry commissions were at the same level of efficacy and that further support and strengthening of the activities of some regional commissions might be required.

18. The meeting was informed of the outcome of the second Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (Helsinki, June 1993). This conference had again discussed in Europe issues of sustainable management of forests at inter-ministerial level. The Helsinki and the preceding Strasbourg conferences were seen as a "political motor". The resolutions emanating from these two conferences represented an appropriate follow-up to UNCED within the European context. These two ministerial conferences had provided appropriate fora for forest policy development and several countries had already embarked on major policy reviews and changes in the forestry sector. The meeting endorsed the proposal, by the three countries responsible for the coordination of follow-up work (Finland, Austria and Portugal), for the establishment and activities of a "Liaison Unit". This work should be carried out in close collaboration with existing international organizations without overlap or duplication in activities (see para. 45).

19. The meeting was also informed about the outcome of the seminar of experts on sustainable development of boreal and temperate forests (Montreal, September 1993) under the sponsorship of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). It welcomed this initiative as a further contribution to the discussion of sustainable development in the forest sector, and to follow up the process of UNCED and the Helsinki Conference and an important contribution to the integration of environmental considerations and socio economic aspects of development. The representative of Canada asked delegates to consider the outcome of the CSCE meeting of technical experts when developing their own criteria for the conservation, use and sustainable development of their own forests.

20. The meeting paid tribute to Finland and Canada for having taken the initiative to host the Helsinki and Montreal meetings.

ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN TRANSITION (Item 5 of the agenda) (TIM/R.224; FO:EFC/93/6)

21. The meeting was informed of the activities that had been carried out in accordance with the programme of assistance to the economies in transition in central and eastern Europe [programme element 9(B).1.1]. Many countries stressed the importance of this activity and provided useful proposals and recommendations on its development. A number of delegations expressed appreciation for the work done and readiness to support it practically.

22. The meeting was informed of the most important aspects of the development of the forestry and timber industry sector, problems encountered and needs for international assistance required in the process of reforms on the basis of the reports that a number of countries (10) had made available before the joint session, supplemented by oral statements.

23. The meeting considered the programme which included country profiles, workshops and consideration in ETTS V. FAO was also contributing, notably in the field of institutions and policies.

24. The delegation of Poland informed the meeting of the results of the workshop on forming new forestry law in countries of central and eastern Europe in transition (Poland, 27 September-1 October 1993).
25. The delegation of the Czech Republic confirmed the proposal of the Ministry of Agriculture to organize the workshops on evaluation of forest benefits through a total evaluation of production, environmental and sectoral functions of forests (September 1994) and on the effect of global climate change on boreal and temperate forests (October 1994).
26. The meeting took note that a workshop would be organized jointly by the Government of Austria and FAO on the management and economics of forest operations (July 1994).
27. The observer from the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) expressed willingness and readiness to cooperate in the area of assistance to countries in transition.
28. The delegation of the Slovak Republic confirmed the proposal of his government to organize the workshop on institution building, framework conditions and policy infrastructure for sustainable development of the forestry sector under market economy conditions in spring 1994.
29. As regards the general outline of the programme, the meeting considered that it should continue to address the specific areas where FAO/ECE had relevant experience, notably institutional changes, sustainable management, privatization, etc., and keep close to countries' needs and priorities, as expressed notably in the report of the informal meeting on strategies for assistance to countries in transition (Ossiach, Austria, October 1992) which was endorsed by EFC. The joint session noted that it had been proposed that FAO/ECE be responsible for the implementation of Helsinki resolution H3, which should also guide activities in this field.
30. The joint session was informed that a considerable part of the resources devoted to the programme came from extra-budgetary sources (both transition and market economy countries). The scope of the programme was effectively limited by the availability of resources.
31. The joint session endorsed the proposal that the team of specialists on assistance to countries of central and eastern Europe in transition, set up in accordance with the decision of the fiftieth session of the Timber Committee, should periodically review (two-three years) the whole programme of assistance to ensure it was in accordance with countries' needs and effective and efficient.
32. The joint session thanked all those who contributed to the programme, particularly the authorities of those countries which had hosted meetings and workshops.

JOINT SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND THE COMMITTEE (Item 6 of the agenda) (TIM/R.225; FO:EFC/93/7)

(a) Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training
(TIM/EFC/WP.1/22)

33. The joint session was informed of the results of the nineteenth session of the Joint Committee which had taken place in Italy in September-October 1992, on the basis of its report (TIM/EFC/WP.1/22) which it endorsed, subject to the comments below. It took note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Committee seminars, as presented in document TIM/EFC/WP.1/R.109/Rev.1. It thanked Italy and all the countries which had hosted seminars, workshops or other Joint Committee activities. It stressed the importance of improved dissemination of the results of the Joint Committee's programmes and urged that it be selective in its choice of activities which should accord with the priorities set by EFC and the Timber Committee. The Joint Committee should review its programme in the light of the Helsinki resolutions. It welcomed the Joint Committee's decision to carry out a review of its objectives and methods of work on the basis of the report of a task force. It was informed of the preliminary recommendations of the task force and of the general results of a survey of national opinion, but

expressed disappointment that it was not intended to notify the information to the parent bodies until after the Joint Committee meeting in November 1994.

(b) Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (TIM/EFC/WP.2/23)

34. The report of the nineteenth session of the Working Party (Geneva, 7-9 June 1993) was presented by its Chairman. The meeting noted the recommendations of the working party on forest resources assessment, collection and dissemination of statistics, productivity and profitability of the forest sector, the fifth study of European timber trends and prospects, assistance to countries in transition, and progress in the collection of statistics on conversion factors and forest fires.

35. The meeting endorsed the report of the session. In particular, while stressing the importance of maintaining a high quality of statistical reporting, it welcomed the recommendation to streamline statistical publications by dropping quarterly data and utilizing UN Statistics Office COMTRADE data as the basis for trade statistics. The importance of end use statistics was stressed. On the matter of forest resources assessments, the meeting agreed with the emphasis given by the Working Party to the importance of compatibility in approach and core information in the temperate, boreal and tropical assessments, and supported the continuation of a flexible process of consultations at the technical and policy levels to achieve these objectives. The meeting emphasized the importance of the study on the outlook for non-wood goods and services but considered that this should follow ETTS V when resources could be made available.

(c) Joint study tour to the United States of America in 1994 (TIM/R.226; FO:EFC/93/8)

36. The joint session was informed that it had been necessary to postpone the tour for one year to 1995.

(d) European timber trends and prospects to the year 2000 and beyond (ETTS V)
(TIM/R.227; FO:EFC/93/9)

37. The meeting reviewed preparations on the basis of secretariat note TIM/R.227;FO:EFC/93/9 and approved the outline presented. It drew attention to the important effects of increased recycling of paper; the long-term consequences of this development should be the first subject to be examined by the team of specialists established by the Timber Committee in 1992 and the results of this review incorporated into chapter VII of ETTS V. It was also suggested that a contribution by EFI to ETTS V be considered; the secretariat made it clear that while it was grateful to EFI for the contributions already made it would not establish an institutionally privileged relationship with EFI without a mandate to this effect by member countries and within a precise framework.

(e) Public relations in the forest and forest industries sector (TIM/R.228; FO:EFC/93/10)

38. The report of the first meeting of the FAO/ECE Team of Public Relations Specialists in the Forest and Forest Industries Sector was presented. In noting its suggested terms of reference and programme of work, the meeting expressed support and encouraged government ministries to nominate experts to the team which should focus on activities such as the "public relations toolkit" for countries that wished to use it (a set of notes guiding best practices in public relations). The work of the team should be time limited and in any case be reviewed in 1995. France was commended for the excellent arrangements for the team's successful first meeting and Sweden offered to host the next meeting of the team in May 1994.

(f) Study on long-term historical changes to the temperate forest resources: pilot study
(TIM/R.229 and Add. 1; FO:EFC/93/11 and Add. 1)

39. The joint session was informed of progress on the pilot study consisting of country reports by seven countries and a synthesis by Mr G. A. Morin (France). It was agreed that countries would be asked to comment, especially on the synthesis, and to contribute further studies if they considered it appropriate. The secretariat should finalize and issue the document, taking account

of comments and contributions. The joint session thanked the authors of the country reports and Mr Morin for their very interesting work.

(g) Tropical Forests Action Programme (TFAP) (TIM/R.230; FO:EFC/93/12)

40. On the basis of secretariat note TIM/R.230; FO:EFC/93/12 the joint session was informed of major developments regarding TFAP since its twenty-fifth session, in particular the completion of the revamping process. The process resulted in a country-driven, multidisciplinary and participatory approach to the formulation and implementation of national forestry action plans, which should include policy and institutional reforms. The meeting was also informed of FAO's lead role in this regard, which included the production and wide dissemination of revised operational principles, as well as extensive training of national coordinators.

41. The joint session noted the difficulties being faced by many countries which had embarked on TFAP at the time of implementing their national forestry action plans because of the slow flow of external funding. Some donors stated that they would provide bilateral funding for assisting countries in strengthening their capacity. A large number of countries emphasized that FAO needed to provide continued inputs to national TFAP initiatives within its assigned functions of international liaison and information dissemination, technical support and operational assistance. To meet these demands FAO should give higher resource allocations to its TFAP activities.

42. The joint session was briefed on FAO's close cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in implementing Capacity 21, the capacity building programme undertaken as a follow-up to UNCED, and in particular on the creation of a "forestry window" within it. To date, however, this programme had not attracted significant donor commitments.

43. The joint session agreed with the proposed regionalization of support activities in line with the emphasis on country-driven implementation. However, it stressed the need to keep a critical mass of resources at the TFAP Coordinating Unit at FAO Headquarters in order to ensure international liaison, information and interregional activities.

44. The joint session was informed of preparations under way to convene the Consultative Group on TFAP, recently established by the FAO Council. One country urged that extra-budgetary resources be made available to allow for convening the first meeting of the Group.

(h) Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
(TIM/R.225 and Add. 1; FO:EFC/93/7 and Add. 1)

45. The meeting was informed of the results of this Conference by Mr Patosaari (Finland), on behalf of the Conference Co-Chairmen, and welcomed this important event. It also supported the proposals for follow-up action, which aimed to use existing international structures whenever possible. In particular, it noted that it was proposed that there be close cooperation between the Liaison Unit for the Conference follow-up and the FAO/ECE secretariat. The Liaison Unit would report on the implementation of the Helsinki resolutions to the regular sessions of EFC and the Timber Committee. Similar reporting would be ensured by the various bodies responsible for follow-up to the Strasbourg Conference. The secretariat was requested to follow up and prepare detailed proposals in close cooperation with the Liaison Unit. Delegates were invited to comment in writing on Mr Patosaari's proposals. It was agreed that the secretariat continue to keep in contact with those non-governmental organizations participating in this work.

(i) Other international meetings and activities

46. None.

MARKET DEVELOPMENTS IN 1993 AND PROSPECTS FOR 1994 (Item 7 of the agenda)
(TIM/R.231; FO:EFC/93/13)

47. The joint session's discussion on the forest products markets was based on national reports and statistics, countries' estimates for 1993 and 1994 and the secretariat's *Annual Forest Products Market Review* (Volume XLVI, N° 3, of the *Timber Bulletin*). The Committee approved a statement on the market for issue as a press release and for inclusion, together with estimates for 1993 and 1994 and other tabular material, in *Forest Products Markets in 1993 and Prospects for 1994* (Volume XLVI, N° 5, of the *Timber Bulletin*).

48. In view of the interest in and importance of developments for waste paper on forest products markets, it was suggested that a question on this be included in the Timber Committee questionnaires. The secretariat agreed to explore this possibility, taking into account the other sources of information on waste paper, notably the FAO Advisory Committee on Pulp and Paper.

EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MATTERS (Item 8 of the agenda)

(a) Matters arising from the eleventh session of the Committee on Forestry and the eighteenth FAO Regional Conference for Europe (FO:EFC/93/14)

49. The Commission took note of the document concerning matters arising from the eleventh session of the Committee on Forestry and the eighteenth FAO Regional Conference for Europe.

(b) Follow-up on the conclusions and recommendations of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission (FO:EFC/93/15)

50. The Commission noted the follow-up action taken in response to the recommendations of its twenty-fifth session.

(c) AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - *Silva Mediterranea*; Mediterranean Forest Action Programme (FO:EFC/93/16)

51. The Commission was informed of the activities of the AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - *Silva Mediterranea* - which is a common statutory body of the European Forestry Commission, the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission and the Near East Forestry Commission. These activities included mainly those of its six research networks and the formulation of the Mediterranean Forest Action Programme (MED-FAP).

52. The Commission welcomed the formulation of MED-FAP to serve as a framework for countries to implement national (or sub-national) forestry action plans and as a response to recommendations made at several international meetings [Near East Forestry Commission (Tunis, 1987), *Silva Mediterranea* (Athens, 1989) and the World Forestry Congress (Paris, 1991)]. Two delegations expressed interest in supporting financially the implementation of the Programme, one of which stated its support was conditional on the participation of other countries. The Commission adopted the report of the fifteenth session of *Silva Mediterranea* held in Faro (Portugal) from 16 to 20 March 1992.

(d) Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds (FO:EFC/93/17)

53. The Commission was informed of the results of the eighteenth session of the EFC Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds which, together with a study tour, was held at Oberstdorf (Germany) in June 1992.

54. The major items discussed were: geographical information systems and data management systems and their application in watershed management; risk zoning and early warning systems; advances in torrent hydraulics; mountain ecosystems with protective functions with special regard to mountain forests; and follow-up to Resolution 4 of the Strasbourg Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, "Adapting the management of mountain forests to new environmental conditions".

55. The nineteenth session will be held in Jaca (Spain) from 4 to 8 July 1994. The main items on the agenda will be a FAO/IUFRO symposium on flash floods in mountain areas, the application of geographic information systems, torrent hydraulics and implementation of Resolution 4 of the Strasbourg Ministerial Conference.

56. The Commission approved the report of the Working Party and appreciated the initiatives taken especially by the Czech Republic in the increased involvement of eastern European countries in the activities of the Working Party.

(e) Cooperation with other Commissions

57. The Chairman of the North American Forestry Commission (NAFC) described its organization, role and activities, mentioning that it worked through a series of study groups on forest fires, tree improvement, multi-lingual vocabulary, light-frame structures, forest engineering, silviculture, insects and diseases, and the effects of atmospheric pollution. Subjects under consideration, for inclusion in the NAFC programme, included global issues such as UNCED follow-up, as well as the North American Free Trade Area, migratory species, ecological reserves and climate change.

58. In view of the high degree of common interest in the subjects addressed, the Commission recommended close cooperation between the two Commissions and warmly accepted the invitation to the Chairman of EFC to attend the next session of NAFC. It further recommended that cooperation between the two Commissions be a regular item on its own agenda.

(f) Programme of work of the European Forestry Commission, 1994-1998 (FO:EFC/93/18)

59. The Commission reviewed its programme on the basis of the draft presented by the secretariat (FO:EFC/93/18), which took into account the work programmes of the subsidiary bodies, discussed under other agenda items. A number of countries considered the programme too full taking into account the limits on resources in the secretariat and member countries. It was considered essential to maintain, and if possible improve, the quality of the work carried out, which could be endangered if the resources available were insufficient for the programme approved. Some delegations considered it necessary to assign priorities to the different parts of the programme. Two delegations indicated that their highest priority would go to main areas I and III (the Commission itself and statistics and economics).

60. The Commission attached top priority to its work relating to sustainable development in the areas covered by the Commission. It was noted that many of the Commission's current activities were in fact aimed at furthering sustainable development, although this was not clear in the presentation of the programme. Top priority should be given to developing a closer link between the Commission's programme and the UNCED and Helsinki processes. In addition, a specific programme element should be devoted to the reporting and liaison functions assigned to the Commission with regard to the UNCED and Helsinki follow-up processes.

61. In view of the fact that a comprehensive review of the programme to take account of the points made was not possible during the session, but that changes should be effective before the meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in June 1995, the Commission endorsed the draft presented (see *Appendix D*) but asked the secretariat to prepare a revised version, taking account of the comments made, for the Executive Committee's consideration. The Executive Committee was authorised to make final decisions on the programme to be implemented before the next session of the Commission in 1995.

(g) Matters to be referred to the Committee on Forestry

62. The Commission decided that the following matters be referred to the Committee on Forestry:

Global Forest Resources Assessment 1990

- the need to ensure that forest resources assessments (temperate forests) take fully into account the policy questions and information needs of policy-makers from the design stage of the inquiry (paras. 8 and 12); the need to develop appropriate criteria for monitoring sustainability and biodiversity (para. 10); and the importance of ensuring comparability of information between assessments for the temperate and boreal forests and the tropical forests as well as consistent presentation of results at the global level (para. 12);

Implications of UNCED

- the recommendation on the enhanced role of the Commission in support of UNCED follow-up and close collaboration with the co-chairmen in the follow-up to the Helsinki Ministerial Conference (para. 17);

Public relations in the forest and forest industries sector

- the initiative on public relations in forestry and the development of a "toolkit" guiding best practice in public relations for the forest sector (para. 38).

(h) Election of officers

63. The Commission elected the following to hold office until its next session:

Chairman: Mr K. Rykowski (Poland)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr J. Heino (Finland)
Mr J. Casquilho (Portugal)
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(i) Date and place of next session

64. The Commission warmly accepted the invitation of Turkey to host its next session in early March 1995.

TIMBER COMMITTEE MATTERS (Item 9 of the agenda)

(a) Matters arising from the forty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe

65. The Committee was informed of the discussions of its work by the Commission and of the Commission's decisions at its forty-eighth session. With regard to decision I(48), it noted that it had no draft decisions or amendments to its mandate for consideration by the Commission. With regard to its programme of work (see paras. 69-74), it had been possible to carry out the programme with the available resources, although some delays had occurred. It considered that resources available were being used efficiently. The programme of work and calendar of meetings are annexed to the Timber Committee report. The activities of other ECE principal subsidiary bodies were taken into account when drawing up the programme of work, but the major effective cooperation is with FAO, as typified by the joint session. The in-depth review of its publications had been carried out by an *ad hoc* meeting and the Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, with the support of the secretariat of the Conference of European Statisticians.

66. In response to decision F(48) - "Cooperation in the field of environment and sustainable development" - the Timber Committee noted that sustainable development was a constant dimension of its activities, reflected in all parts of its programme. It decided to contribute to assessing progress in implementing Agenda 21 at the regional level in the area of interest of the Committee, and to that effect:

- to review its whole programme in the light of sustainable development according to modalities laid down above;

- to invite its subsidiary bodies to report on their activities that contribute to implementing Agenda 21 and to examine whether any activities should be reoriented or new ones developed in the light of Agenda 21;

(b) Activities of other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of ECE of concern to the Timber Committee

67. The Committee was informed of these activities, and took them into account when drawing up its programme.

(c) Other activities under the Timber Committee (TIM/R.234)

68. None (subjects treated under other agenda items).

(d) Programme of work of the Timber Committee, 1994-1998 (TIM/R.235)

69. The Committee considered its draft programme of work for 1994-1998, prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the relevant decisions of the Commission, the Committee's previous programme, the programmes of its subsidiary bodies and the recommendations of seminars and teams of specialists. The Committee was also informed of the availability of secretariat resources to carry out its programme.

70. The Committee agreed that the highest priority should be given to contributing to sustainable development in the region, and to supporting the UNCED and Helsinki follow-up processes. It requested the secretariat, in close cooperation with the office holders, to review the programme from this point of view and make proposals which would ensure that the objectives of sustainable development as defined at UNCED and the Helsinki Conference are fully taken into account. Subject to this review, it approved its programme of work for 1994-1998 (annex I of Timber Committee report). This review should be undertaken in harmony with the review of the EFC programme referred to above (paras. 59-61) and in accordance with Commission decision F(48).

71. The Committee agreed that the two subsidiary bodies should also be asked to review their work programmes in the light of sustainable development, and to take into account the orientation to this effect contained in the proposals to be formulated for the programmes of the two parent bodies. These proposals should be transmitted to the bureaux of the Joint Committee and the Working Party as soon as they have been approved by the office holders.

72. The Committee urged the secretariat, in cooperation with the lead countries, to convene the planned meetings of the teams on wood and energy, on development of new products, recycling etc., and on the outlook for non-wood goods and services as soon as possible.

73. The Committee considered that wood energy questions were becoming increasingly important and complex in many countries. The team of experts on wood and energy should be reactivated, with the initial objective of advising the secretariat on the discussion of these topics in ETTS V. Thereafter the team should propose further activities, and consider common activities or even merging with the team on development of new products, recycling, markets and applications for forest products, given the interaction of the two questions (burning of wood or paper as an alternative to recycling).

74. The Committee reviewed the rank ordering of its programme elements, and agreed to make the following changes to the list in TIM/R.235, annex II:

1. Insert in first place new project 9(B).4.1 (UNCED and Helsinki); and
2. Insert former 9(B).4.1 *Use of wood for energy* after 9(B).5.1 *Activities to assist countries in transition to a market economy*.

The Committee was informed that the secretariat considered it was in a position to carry out the full programme: the priorities would serve as guidance if, for unforeseen reasons, this were not possible.

(e) Election of officers

75. The Committee agreed that its office holders should continue to comprise a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen. In the interests of continuity, the outgoing Chairman should serve as Vice-Chairman after his term of office as Chairman. The Committee elected Mr D. Lipman (Russian Federation) Chairman and Messrs Darr (USA) and Siegel (Austria) Vice-Chairmen, to hold office until the end of the fifty-second session. It expressed its thanks to the outgoing office-holders for their contribution to its work.

(f) Date of next session

76. The Committee agreed that its next session should be held from 10 to 14 October 1994, subject to the availability of conference services.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE COMMITTEE (Item 10 of the agenda)

77. The joint session noted that it had been difficult to absorb all the contents of the heavy volume of documentation for the session. It invited the secretariat to provide, on the front page of all documents,

1. A very brief summary of the contents; and
2. An indication of what action or decision was required.

ADOPTION OF THE JOINT SESSION REPORT (Item 11 of the agenda)

78. The Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission adopted the report of their joint session.

AGENDA

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 - (a) Main findings and policy implications of the temperate zone Forest Resources Assessment 1990
 - (b) Follow-up to the 1990 assessment and preparations for the Assessment 2000
4. Implications of UNCED (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, June 1992)
5. Assistance to countries of central and eastern Europe in transition
6. Joint subsidiary bodies and other activities of common interest to the Commission and the Committee
 - (a) Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training
 - (b) Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics
 - (c) Joint study tour to the United States of America in 1994
 - (d) European timber trends and prospects to the year 2000 and beyond (ETTS V)
 - (e) Public relations in the forestry and forest industries sector
 - (f) Study on long-term historical changes to the temperate forest resources: pilot study
 - (g) Tropical Forests Action Programme (TFAP)
 - (h) Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
 - (i) Other international meetings and activities
7. Market developments in 1993 and prospects for 1994
8. EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MATTERS
 - (a) Matters arising from the eleventh session of the Committee on Forestry and the eighteenth FAO Regional Conference for Europe

- (b) Follow-up on the conclusions and recommendations of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission
- (c) AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions
Silva Mediterranea; Mediterranean Forest Action Programme
- (d) Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds
- (e) Cooperation with other Commissions
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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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3(a)	TIM/R.221 FO:EFC/93/3	Main findings and policy implications of the temperate zone forest resources assessment 1990
3(b)	TIM/R.222 FO:EFC/93/4	Follow-up to the 1990 assessment and preparations for the next round of global forest resources assessment
4	TIM/R.223 FO:EFC/93/5	Implications of UNCED
5	TIM/R.224 FO:EFC/93/6	Assistance to countries of central and eastern Europe in transition
6	TIM/R.225 FO:EFC/93/7	Joint subsidiary bodies and other matters of common interest to the Committee and the Commission
6(a)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/R.109/ Rev. 1	Conclusions and recommendations of Joint Committee seminars, workshop and <i>ad hoc</i> meeting of concern to its parent bodies
6(a)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/22	Joint Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training - Report of the nineteenth session
6(b)	TIM/EFC/WP.2/23	Joint Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics - Report of the nineteenth session
6(c)	TIM/R.226 FO:EFC/93/8	Joint study tour in the United States of America
6(d)	TIM/R.227 FO:EFC/93/9	European Timber Trends and Prospects Study (ETTS V): Progress Report
6(e)	TIM/R.228 FO:EFC/93/10	Meeting of the FAO/ECE team of public relations specialists in the forest and forest industries sector
6(f)	TIM/R.229 and Add. 1 FO:EFC/93/11 and Add. 1	Study on long-term historical changes to the temperate forest resource: pilot study
6(g)	TIM/R.230 FO:EFC/93/12	European support to the Tropical Forests Action Programme (TFAP)

6(h)	TIM/R.225/Add. 1 FO:EFC/93/7/Add. 1	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
7	TIM/R.231 FO:EFC/93/13	Market developments in 1993 and prospects for 1994
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PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION, 1994 TO 1998

N.B. This programme was endorsed by the twenty-sixth session in October 1993, pending a revision in the light of UNCED and the Helsinki Ministerial Conference.

MAIN PROBLEM AREA		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1.	EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION	19th session of the Executive Committee	27th session in Turkey	20th session of the Executive Committee	28th session in ... ¹	21st session of the Executive Committee
1.	Policies relating to public and private forestry, including administration, legislation and institutions		Review of developments at 27th session		Review of developments at 28th session	
2.	Role of forests in providing forest products and environmental and social services		Review of related topic at 27th session		Review of related topic at 28th session	
3.	Protection of forests:					
	3.1 - from fire		Review of related topic at 27th session		Review of related topic at 28th session	
	3.2 - from air pollution					
	3.3 - from other causes of damage (storms, insects, diseases, game, etc.)		Review of related topic at 27th session		Review of related topic at 28th session	

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4. Long-term European forestry and timber trends and prospects (jointly with the ECE Timber Committee)	<p>Preparatory work on Fifth European Timber Trends and Prospects Study (ETTS V)</p> <p><i>Ad hoc</i> meeting of experts on the policy context for ETTS V</p>	<p><i>Ad hoc</i> meeting of experts to review draft of ETTS V</p>	<p>Publication of ETTS V</p>							
5. Outlook for the non-wood goods and services of the forest	<p>Team of specialists to develop proposals for a study</p>	<p>As decided by the Statistics Working Party</p>								
6. Public relations in the forestry and forest industries sector	<p>Activities according to the mandate of the team of specialists</p>									
7. Follow-up to UNCED and Helsinki Ministerial Conference	<p>Development of detailed proposals and preliminary implementation</p>	<p>As decided by 27th session</p>								
II. FOREST TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING	<p>Covered by the activities of the joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training (Programme reference TIM/EFC/WP.1/22)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1085 616 1300 1489"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1085 616 1189 907">20th session of the Joint Committee¹</td> <td data-bbox="1189 616 1300 907">12th session of the Steering Committee¹</td> <td data-bbox="1189 907 1300 1198">21st session of the Joint Committee¹</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1198 1300 1489">13th session of the Steering Committee</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1489 1300 1825">22nd session of the Joint Committee</td> </tr> </table>					20th session of the Joint Committee ¹	12th session of the Steering Committee ¹	21st session of the Joint Committee ¹	13th session of the Steering Committee	22nd session of the Joint Committee
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MAIN PROBLEM AREA	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<p>A. SILVICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT ASPECTS</p> <p>1. Development and use of methods and equipment for silvicultural operations, including stand establishment and multiple use forestry</p> <p>1.1 - Afforestation techniques on agricultural land</p> <p>1.2 - Site damage risks</p> <p>1.3 - Multiple use forestry</p> <p>1.4 - Model Forest Damage Manual</p>	<p>Seminar in Poland² on afforestation techniques on abandoned agricultural land</p> <p>Team of specialists to prepare progress report for the 20th session of Joint Committee and complete the project in 1994</p> <p>Workshop jointly with IUFRO in Germany in 1994 on soil, tree, machine inter-actions in forest operations</p> <p>Team of specialists to prepare progress report to 20th session of Joint Committee and complete project in 1995. Seminar in 1995¹</p> <p>Publication of Manual</p>				
<p>2. Forest fire prevention and control</p>	<p>Biannual publication of <i>International Forest Fire News</i></p> <p>Team of specialists to prepare progress report to 20th session of Joint Committee</p>				
<p>3. Methods and procedures for the preparation and implementation of forest management plans</p>	<p>Further activities to be decided by 20th session of Joint Committee</p>				

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4.	Impact of nuclear accidents on forest ecosystems	Seminar in Belarus on the role of forestry in the rehabilitation of areas contaminated by an accidental release of radio-active material into the environment				
B.	WOOD HARVESTING AND TRANSPORT					
1.	Development and use of harvesting machinery and systems	Workshop in Greece on harvesting and silviculture in degraded and coppice forests in the Mediterranean region				
2.	Forest roads and transport of wood raw material	Seminar or other activity in Romania ² on forest roads (construction and maintenance) and raw material transport (or in 1995) Team of specialists to prepare proposals for 20th session of Joint Committee				
3.	Workshops in support of countries of central and eastern Europe in transition on topics related to wood harvesting and transport	Workshop in Germany on small-scale forestry aspects	Workshop in Czech Republic on forest seed collection and storage, in cooperation with Slovakia ²			

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<p>C. VOCATIONAL TRAINING, APPLIED ERGONOMICS, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH OF FOREST WORKERS</p> <p>1. Vocational training in forestry</p>	<p>Comparative study on professions, skills and training (in cooperation with Switzerland)</p> <p>International network in the forestry work force</p> <p>Seminar in Portugal on forest workers' training in Mediterranean countries</p>	<p>Seminar in Switzerland on (topic to be decided within work area C)</p>		<p>Seminar in ...¹ on (topic to be decided within work area C)</p>				
<p>2. Applied ergonomics, safety and health in forestry operations</p>	<p>Seminar in Finland on personal protective equipment</p>		<p>Seminar in ...¹ on (topic to be decided)</p>					
<p>3. Transfer of technical information and experience</p>	<p>Publication of seminar proceedings; provision by seminar host countries of fellowships for participants from developing countries and for forestry students</p>							
<p>III. FOREST ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS</p>	<p>Covered by the activities of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (WP) (Programme reference TIM/EFC/WP.2/23)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1098 360 1200 1444"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1098 1153 1200 1444"></td> <td data-bbox="1098 891 1200 1153"> <p>20th session of the WP</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1098 360 1200 891"> <p>21st session of the WP</p> </td> </tr> </table>						<p>20th session of the WP</p>	<p>21st session of the WP</p>
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MAIN PROBLEM AREA	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<p>1. Forest resource assessment</p>	<p>Publication of case studies of long-term changes in temperate-zone forest resources (as decided by Joint Session)</p> <p>Publication of a supplement to the Forest Resource Assessment, containing information on countries constituted since the carrying out of the 1990 enquiry</p>	<p>Team of specialists on Forest Resource Assessment to report to the WP's 20th session, with proposals for temperate/boreal part of global assessment</p>		<p>Team of specialists on Forest Resource Assessment to report to the WP's 21st session</p>	
<p>2. Quantification and evaluation of the environmental benefits of the forest</p>	<p>To be covered together with the study on the outlook for non-wood goods and services</p>				
<p>3. Productivity in the forest sector</p>	<p>Publication of a study on productivity and profitability in the forest sector</p>	<p>Further work as decided by 20th session of the WP</p>			
<p>4. Collection of forest products statistics and publication of <i>Timber Bulletin</i></p>	<p>Volume XLVII</p> <p>The <i>Timber Bulletin</i> provides regular statistics on production, removals, trade and prices of forest products, the Annual Forest Products Market Review and the estimates of the Timber Committee for the current and forthcoming years.</p> <p>Publication of forest and forest products country profiles</p> <p>Publication of surveys of medium-term trends in industry sectors (wood raw material, sawnwood, wood-based panels)</p>	<p>Volume XLVIII</p>	<p>Volume XLIX</p>	<p>Volume L</p>	<p>Volume LI</p>

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5. Improvement of the quality of forest and forest products statistics (including their collection and dissemination systems)	Continuing review at each session of the WP Publication of four-yearly survey on conversion factors	At its 20th session the WP will agree on a timetable for revision of the FAO/ECE <i>Classification and Definitions of Forest Products</i>		Four-yearly survey of conversion factors at 21st session and publication in 1998	
6. Forest fire statistics	Annual survey of number, area, causes, value of damage, etc.				
7. Workshops in support of countries of central and eastern Europe in transition on topics related to forest economics and statistics	Workshop in the Czech Republic on evaluation of total forest benefits	Workshop in France ² on forest management planning and inventory			
8. Transfer of economic and statistical methods and experience in the forest products sector	Participation of experts in WP activities, notably in III.1 and 2, will be encouraged. Arrangements are provided for interested experts in developing countries to receive Working Party documentation				
IV. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT	Covered by the activities of the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds				
1. Working Party sessions	19th session in Spain		20th session in ... ¹		21st session in ... ¹
2. Activities	Reports on geographic information systems and their application to watershed management and on mechanics of torrent hydraulics and methods of calculation				
V. MEDITERRANEAN FORESTRY QUESTIONS	Implementation of resolution S4 of Strasbourg Ministerial Conference				
1. Sessions of <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>	16th session in Cyprus		17th session in ... ¹		18th session in ... ¹
2. Activities	Covered by the activities of the AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - <i>Silva Mediterranea</i> Networks on forest fire management, multi-purpose species in arid and semi-arid zones, silviculture of <i>Cedrus spp.</i> , silviculture of <i>Pinus pinea</i> , selection of stands of Mediterranean conifers for seed production, cork oak Coordination of and follow-up to the Mediterranean Forest Action Programme (MED-FAP)				

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