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**Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights  
submitted by the European Union (EU) and its  
Member States**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Green economy dialogues:
  - (a) Market Discussions
  - (b) Engaging the Private Sector
  - (c) Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector to a Green Economy
3. FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) matters:
  - (a) Follow-up to the decisions of the thirty-sixth session  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (b) Overview of recent activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (c) Overview of recent activities of the FAO Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions  
Silva Mediterranea  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (d) Review of the mandate and modus operandi of the EFC Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*

- (e) Overview of the FAO Strategic Framework, the FAO Strategic Evaluation, and implementation of recommendations  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (f) Recommendations to be drawn to the attention of the twenty-ninth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and the twenty-second session of the FAO Committee on Forestry  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (g) Election of officers  
*MS Competence – MS Vote*
  - (h) Date and place of the next session  
*MS Competence – MS Vote*
4. ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry matters:
- (a) Matters arising from the sixty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Europe
  - (b) Matters arising from the seventieth session of the Committee
  - (c) ECE Biennial evaluation plan and programme of work 2014-2015
  - (d) Election of officers
  - (e) Date and place of the next session
5. Outcome of the 10th session of United Nations Forum on Forests and implications for the ECE region
- (a) Regional inputs, forests and economic development
  - (b) Review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests
  - (c) Role of forests in the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals
6. Joint Committee/Commission matters:
- (a) 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  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (b) Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (c) Integrated Programme of Work (2014-2017), including the Terms of References for subsidiary bodies (Joint Working Party for Forest Statistics, Economics and Management and Teams of Specialists)  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*

- (d) Review of 2013 activities, list of activities for 2014 and publications for 2014-2017  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (e) Overview of activities for the International Day of Forests and the European Forest Week  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
7. FAO global activities on Sustainable Forest Management of relevance to the meeting
- (a) Overview of the development of FAO tools for sustainable forest management:
    - Development of the Sustainable Forest Management Toolbox, including educational materials, voluntary guidelines and communication platforms  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
    - Preparation of the voluntary guidelines on national forest monitoring  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
    - Preparation of a guidance tool for managing wildfire-related risks at the landscape level  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (b) Overview of the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of national food security  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (c) State and conservation of the World's Forest Genetic Resources  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (d) Information on the Global Timber Forum  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (e) Outcome of the International Conference on Forests for Food Security from 13 to 15 May 2013, Rome, Italy  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
  - (f) Preparation of the 14th World Forestry Congress to be held from 7 to 11 September 2015 in Durban, South Africa  
*Shared Competence – MS Vote*
8. Any other business
9. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session

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