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Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental

Panel on Forests

Second session

11-22 March 1996

Item 8 of the agenda

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PANEL ON ITS SECOND SESSION

Chapter \_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development held its second session from 11 to 22 March 1996, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1995/226. The Panel held --- meetings (1st to -- meetings).
2. The session was opened by the Co-Chairman, Mr. N.R. Krishnan (India).
3. The Director for the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 11 March 1996, the Panel elected, Mr. Manuel Rodriguez (Colombia) to the vacant post of Vice-Chairman.

5. The Bureau of the Panel comprised the following:

Co-Chairmen: Sir Martin Holdgate (United Kingdom)

Mr. N.R. Krishnan (India)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Juste Boussienguet (Gabon)

Mr. Anatoliy I. Pisarenko (Russian Federation)

Mr. Manuel Rodriguez (Colombia)

C. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 11 March 1996, the Panel adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/IPF/1996/1 which read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Implementation of forest-related decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at the national and international levels, including an examination of sectoral and cross-sectoral linkages.
3. International cooperation in financial assistance and technology transfer.
4. Scientific research, forest assessment and development of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.
5. Trade and environment in relation to forest products and services.
6. International organizations and multilateral institutions and instruments, including appropriate legal mechanisms.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report of the Panel on its second session.

6. At the same meeting, the Panel approved its organization of work.

D. Attendance

7. [A list of participants will be included in the final report]

E. Documentation

8. The Panel had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.2: Underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.4: Fragile ecosystems affected by desertification, and the impact of air-borne pollution on forests (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.5: Needs and requirements of countries with low forest cover (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element II: (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.1 (a): Assessment of the multiple benefits of all types of forests (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/6);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.1 (b): Methodologies for proper valuation of the multiple benefits of forests (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/7);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.1: Progress in

national forest and land-use plans (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/8);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.3: Traditional forest-related knowledge (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/9 and Corr.1);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.2: Criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/10);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element IV: (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/11);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on programme element V.1: (E/CN.17/IPF/1996/12).