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COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests  
Third session  
Geneva, 9-20 September 1996  
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### Provisional agenda

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 third session.

### Annotations

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

At its first session, the Panel decided that the agendas of its forthcoming meetings should include all the issues in its programme of work in order to allow for their consideration in a balanced and integrated manner. At the same time, the Panel felt that certain issues should be dealt with in depth at particular future sessions. In this regard, the Panel decided at its second session that programme elements that were substantively discussed at that session would remain open and that it would begin negotiations on those elements at its third session.

Also at its first session, the Panel agreed on the need to allocate to not more than two in-session working groups the business to be considered at its second and probably third sessions. Each working group was to be chaired by one of the co-chairmen of the Panel, who would propose specific arrangements in consultation with all interested delegations.

At its second session, the Panel decided that, during its third session, it would establish two in-session working groups, which would meet simultaneously.

#### 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

At its first session, the Panel decided that, at its third session, programme elements I.1 and I.3 would be subject to substantive discussion. The Panel also decided that negotiations on programme elements I.2, I.4 and I.5, which were discussed substantively at its second session, would start at its third session, on the basis of progress reports.

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.1  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/14)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.2  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/15)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.3  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.4  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/17)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element I.5  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/18)

3. International cooperation in financial assistance and technology transfer

At its first session, the Panel decided that programme element II would be subject to substantive discussion at its second session, and to further substantive discussion at its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element II  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/19)

4. Scientific research, forest assessment and development of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management

At its first session, the Panel decided that programme elements III.1 (a) and III.1 (b) would be discussed substantively at its second session, and would be subject to further substantive discussion at its third session.

Also at its first session, the Panel decided that programme element III.2 would be discussed initially at its second session and be subject to substantive discussion at its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.1 (a)  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/20)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.1 (b)  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/25)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element III.2  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/21)

5. Trade and environment in relation to forest products and services

At its first session, the Panel decided that programme element IV would be discussed initially at its second session and substantively at its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element IV  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/22)

6. International organizations and multilateral institutions and instruments, including appropriate legal mechanisms

At its first session, the Panel decided that programme element V.1 would be discussed initially at its second session and would be subject to substantive

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discussion at its third session. It also decided that programme element V.2 would be subject to initial discussion at its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element V.1  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/23)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme element V.2  
(E/CN.17/IPF/1996/24)

7. Other matters

8. Adoption of the report of the Panel on its third session

By its decision 1995/226, the Economic and Social Council decided, upon the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to approve the establishment of an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental panel on forests. The Panel is to pursue consensus and formulate coordinated proposals for action towards the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests. It is expected to present its final conclusions and policy recommendations to the Commission at its fifth session, in 1997.

Annex

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed organization of work for the third session of the Panel has been drawn up on the basis of the decisions taken by the Panel at its second session and on informal consultations conducted by the co-chairmen.

Week of 9-13 September 1996

Monday, 9 September

PLENARY

a.m.

Opening of the session

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

General discussion

WORKING GROUP I

p.m.

Item 2

Programme element I.1  
Substantive discussion

WORKING GROUP II

p.m.

Item 3

Programme element II  
Substantive discussion

Tuesday, 10 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m.

Item 2

Programme elements I.1 and I.3  
Substantive discussion

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.

Item 3

Programme element II (continued)

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Wednesday, 11 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m.	<u>Item 4</u>	Programme element III.1 (a) Substantive discussion
p.m.	<u>Item 4</u>	Programme element III.1 (b) Substantive discussion

WORKING GROUP II

a.m.	<u>Item 3</u>	Programme element II (continued)
p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Programme element IV Substantive discussion

Thursday, 12 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m.	<u>Item 4</u>	Programme element III.2 Substantive discussion
p.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	Programme elements I.2, I.4 and I.5 Substantive discussion

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Programme element IV (continued)
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Friday, 13 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	Programme elements I.2, I.4 and I.5 (continued)
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WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	Programme element V.1 Substantive discussion
		Programme element V.2 Initial discussion

Week of 16-20 September 1996

Monday, 16 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m.                    Item 2                    Programme elements I.1 to I.5  
(continued)

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.                    Item 3                    Programme element II (continued)

Tuesday, 17 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m.                                Item 2                    Programme elements I.1 to I.5  
(continued)

p.m.                                Item 4                    Programme elements III.1 (a) and (b)  
and III.2 (continued)

WORKING GROUP II

a.m.                                Item 3                    Programme element II (continued)

p.m.                                Item 5                    Programme element IV (continued)

Wednesday, 18 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m.                                Item 2                    Programme elements I.1 to I.5  
(continued)

p.m.                                Item 4                    Programme elements III.1 (a) and (b)  
and III.2 (continued)

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.                    Item 5                    Programme element IV (continued)

Thursday, 19 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m.                    Item 4                    Programme elements III.1 (a) and (b)  
and III.2 (continued)

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WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.

Item 6

Programme elements V.1 and V.2  
(continued)

Friday, 20 September

WORKING GROUP I

a.m.

Item 4

Programme elements III.1 (a) and (b)  
and III.2 (continued)

WORKING GROUP II

a.m.

Item 6

Programme elements V.1 and V.2  
(continued)

PLENARY

p.m.

Item 7

Other matters

Item 8

Adoption of the report of the Panel on  
its third session

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