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Agenda item 6

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FORUM ON ITS FIRST SESSION

Draft report

Chapter ____

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development held its first session from 1 to 3 October 1997, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/65. The Forum held ____ meetings (1st to ____ meetings).
2. The session was opened by the temporary Chairperson, Ms. Monika Linn-Locher (Switzerland).

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 1 October 1997, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Ilkka Ristimäki (Finland) Co-Chairpersons. It also elected, by acclamation, Yevgeny Kuzmichev (Russian Federation) and Charles Essonghe (Gabon) Vice-Chairpersons.

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 1 October, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests.
4. Dates and venues of future sessions.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session.

E. Documentation

6. The documents before the Forum are listed in annex ___ to the present report.
