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### Annotations

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

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (see E/5975/Rev.1), the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) shall, at the beginning of the session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The officers of the first session of UNFF were elected during the organizational session of UNFF held on 12 February 2001 (see E/2001/42 (Part I)-E/CN.18/2001/3 (Part I), para. 11).

#### 2. Adoption of the multi-year programme of work

At its resumed substantive session of 2000, the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2000/35, paragraph 4 (g), decided that UNFF would work on the basis of a multi-year programme of work, drawing on the elements reflected in the Rio



Declaration on Environment and Development, the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (Forest Principles), chapter 11 of Agenda 21 and the Intergovernmental Panel On Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IPF/IFF) proposals for action. In paragraph 7 (b) (i) of the same resolution, the Council also decided that UNFF would adopt its multi-year programme of work at its first substantive session in 2001.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/2001/5)

### **3. Development of a plan of action for the implementation of Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests proposals for action, which will address financial provisions**

In paragraph 7 (b) (ii) of its resolution 2000/35, the Economic and Social Council decided that UNFF should, at its first substantive session in 2001, develop a plan of action for the implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action, which would address financial provisions.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Towards the development of the United Nations Forum on Forests plan of action” (E/CN.18/2001/6)

### **4. Initiation of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests**

In paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 2000/35, the Economic and Social Council decided, in order to achieve the objective and to carry out the functions outlined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of that resolution, to invite the executive heads of relevant organizations of the United Nations system and heads of other relevant international and regional organizations, institutions and instruments to form a Collaborative Partnership on Forests to support the work of the Forum and to enhance cooperation and coordination among participants, and to call upon their governing bodies and their heads to support the activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to achieve the goals of the Forum.

In paragraph 8 of the same resolution, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the Collaborative Partnership on Forests<sup>1</sup> build on a high-level, informal group, such as the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests, which would receive guidance from the Forum; facilitate and promote coordinated and

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<sup>1</sup> On 4 and 5 April 2001, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests was established by the members of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests; it is initially composed of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Center for International Forestry Research, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank, and is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

cooperative action, including joint programming and submissions of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies; and facilitate donor coordination. The Council also recommended that the Partnership submit coordinated inputs and progress reports to the Forum, operate in an open, transparent and flexible manner, and undertake periodic reviews of its effectiveness.

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the initiation of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (E/CN.18/2001/7)

#### **5. Date and venue for the second session of the Forum in 2002**

At its organizational session, UNFF recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a draft decision in which the Council would decide that the first and fifth substantive sessions of the Forum would be held in New York, that two of the three intervening sessions would be held in Geneva and one in San José, Costa Rica, and that any ministerial segment to be convened during the intervening period would be convened during the session held in San José (see E/2001/42 (Part I)-E/CN.18/2001/3 (Part I), chap. I, sect. A).

#### **6. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Forum**

#### **7. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session**

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