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I. ATTENDANCE

1. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) European Forestry Commission (EFC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Timber Committee (TC) met in joint session at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 21 to 24 October 2008. The session was attended by representatives from 44 member countries of the FAO European Forestry Commission and UNECE Timber Committee.
2. Representatives of the European Community attended the joint session.
3. Six United Nations Agencies and Programmes, and two intergovernmental organizations were represented.
4. Fourteen international non-governmental organizations were represented.
5. The joint session noted that a large number of representatives of the private sector, civil society and academia had participated as part of their respective country delegation, and had made valuable contributions to the joint session's deliberations.
6. Representatives of the four sponsoring organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), and the European Commission, addressed participants in the first-ever European Forest Week. The opening session was moderated by Mr. J. Heino, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO.
7. The Deputy Director-General of FAO, Mr. J. Butler, welcomed the participants and declared the European Forest Week open. After noting that Europe had made significant progress towards achieving sustainable forest management (SFM), he suggested that SFM was key to the response of the forest sector to climate change.
8. His Excellency, Mr. L.P. Brekk, Minister for Agriculture and Food, Norway, delivered the keynote address for the opening ceremony. Norway currently co-chairs the MCPFE. Mr. Brekk stressed the need for foresters to look outside the forest sector to inform people in other sectors about the importance of forests in the economies of Europe as well as in conserving Europe's environment and mitigating global climate change.
9. Mr. P. Garonna, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, stressed the importance of forests to the livelihoods of Europeans, and to economic development as well as to mitigating climate change. He emphasized that partnerships were critical if the world was to be successful in implementing SFM. He highlighted the 60th anniversary of the partnership of UNECE and FAO in the field of timber and forestry.
10. Mr B. Marin-Herrero, Attaché, EC Delegation in Rome, spoke about the importance of forestry in Europe and presented recent legislative proposals.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 1)

11. The Provisional Agenda, as set out in document ECE/TIM/2008/1/Rev.1 - FO:EFC/08/1, was adopted.

III. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAIRING THE JOINT SESSION (Agenda item 2)

12. The joint session agreed that the Chairmen of the European Forestry Commission, Mr. A. Chaudron (France) and the Timber Committee, Mr. J. Dengg (Germany), be Co-Chairs of the joint session.

IV. PLENARY DISCUSSION – FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Agenda item 3)

13. Discussions were held on how climate change mitigation and adaptation measures could be integrated into forest sector policies, how forest management strategies could contribute to reducing forests' vulnerabilities to climate change, and how coordination and communication between climate change negotiations and forest sector policies could be improved.

14. A summary by the Chairs of the plenary discussion is appended to the report as Annex 1.

V. PLENARY DISCUSSION – FORESTS AND ENERGY (Agenda item 4)

15. The plenary session discussed the growing need for renewable energy, notably from wood, and the consequences for forest policy. It considered the role of wood energy in climate change mitigation, the implications for forest-based industries in Europe and stressed the importance of sustainable forest management in supplying wood for energy as well as for wood products and providing other forest goods and services, such as safeguarding biodiversity.

VI. PLENARY DISCUSSION – FORESTS AND WATER (Agenda item 5)

17. The plenary session considered linkages between the forest and water sectors, discussed collaboration and presented international legal and policy frameworks. The session discussed areas for interaction between the forest and the water sectors, including payments for ecosystem services, and strategies which link forest and water risk management to deal with floods, droughts, soil erosion, landslides in the context of climate change, predication of drier summers and water shortages.

VII. PLENARY DISCUSSION – WORKING TOGETHER FOR FORESTS (Agenda item 6)

19. The plenary session considered forest-related developments in Europe and elements of the continuing good cooperation among various European organizations.

20. Participants discussed how Europeans address forests in a changing environment, based on the outcome of the Pan-European workshop on "Forests in the changing environment", Koli, Finland, 3-5 September 2008.

VIII. MARKET DISCUSSIONS (Agenda item 7)

22. The joint session discussed forest products market developments in 2008 and the prospects for 2009, addressing the themes “sustainable markets and climate change” and “sustainable markets and energy” in accordance with the European Forest Week’s daily topic. The theme of the joint Timber Committee/European Forestry Commission Market Discussions was “Green buildings’ impacts on the forest sector”. A green building workshop took place on 20 October 2008 at the beginning of the European Forest Week. Based on the UNECE/FAO *Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2007-2008*, national market reports, forecasts and expert speakers, the joint session discussed how green building, climate change and energy policies are affecting the forest sector in the UNECE region, together with other forest products’ markets and policy developments and forecasts. The session adopted a market statement, which can be accessed at the following URL link: http://www.unece.org/press/pr2008/08tim_n01e.htm.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE/FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK ON TIMBER AND FORESTRY 2008-2013 (Agenda item 8)

23. The joint session welcomed the Strategic Review and Planning process, which took place in 2007-2008 with a significant emphasis on feedback from governments and stakeholders as well as evaluations, in particular regarding the utility of programme outputs. The session noted that the Strategic Plan for the period 2008-2013, encompassing the work programmes 2008-2009, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013, takes into account, to the extent possible, country priorities and needs.

24. The joint session adopted the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 of the UNECE/FAO integrated programme of work on timber and forestry, as set out in document ECE/TIM/2008/7-FO:EFC/08/7, and including objectives, strategy, activities and programme developments. It approved the mandates of both parent bodies and of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics as well as of the seven teams of specialists. It asked the teams to report to their respective overseeing body (Bureaux or Working Party) annually, using the standard format contained in the document. It requested that the secretariat prepare a list of outputs for 2008-2009 and submit it to the Bureaux session on 14 November 2008.

25. The joint session agreed that climate change was of great importance to the forest sector and that the UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work on Timber and Forestry could play a catalytic role in addressing climate change related matters, notably through its work programme under programme elements in work areas 1, 2, 3 and 5, and by the Teams of Specialists, notably on Forest Products’ Markets and Marketing, Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Sector Outlook and Forest Policy in Eastern Europe. It was agreed to mainstream climate issues within existing activities, along the lines set out in document ECE/TIM/2008/7/Add.1. The joint session requested that the secretariat conduct a gap analysis on forests and climate change, identifying existing activities, needs and gaps and report to the joint Bureaux at its 2009 session, which should decide on the course of action.

26. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare, for the period 2008-2013, and in accordance with past practice, the provisional agenda, and background documents for its annual session, including on:

- (a) Matters arising from the Commission session (in 2009, 2011, and 2013);
- (b) UNECE/FAO in a changing environment;
- (c) Review of activities and implementation of the programme of work;
- (d) Programme planning and performance evaluation;
- (e) Market developments and prospects;
- (f) UNECE/FAO policy forums.

27. The secretariat shall also prepare a final report of each session. The report will be agreed by the delegates at each session.

28. For each session of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, the secretariat should prepare an agenda, draft work programme and report as well as papers on activities in the three work areas guided by the Working Party, a note on international statistical cooperation and on emerging issues relevant to the Working Party.

29. The Commission requested the secretariat to prepare, for its 2010 and 2012 sessions, the latter being a joint session with the Timber Committee, a provisional agenda and background documents, including on policy developments in the region, as well as a final report of the session. The report shall be agreed upon by delegates at the session.

30. The joint session recommended that UNECE and FAO, in the fields of:

- (a) Forests and climate change:
 - (i) Work further, in collaboration with MCPFE and other partners, to provide consistent data, information and policy messages;
 - (ii) Establish a mechanism to provide information and facilitate exchange of experiences related to forests and climate change in the region; and
 - (iii) Develop a strategy to raise awareness of the contribution of forests and forest products to climate change mitigation.
- (b) Forests and energy:
 - (i) Together with their partners, continue to provide policy relevant information (e.g. that arising from the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry) and analysis related to forest and energy, and a forum for exchange of views;
 - (ii) Working with partners and national experts, continue to analyze the outlook for forests and energy, as part of the sector outlook study, including improved estimates of potential wood supply in Europe;
 - (iii) Continue to build partnerships with energy sector bodies, notably the UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy;

- (iv) Contribute to the ongoing work on sustainability criteria for forest biomass, led by MCPFE, and ensure that criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management are taken into consideration; and
 - (v) Continue to work on green building and related issues together with other UNECE committees, including the Committee on Housing and Land Management, the Committee on Sustainable Energy, as well as other relevant bodies.
- (c) Forests and water:
- (i) The Timber Committee, the European Forestry Commission, the UNECE Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, MCPFE and FAO should continue to work together on forests and water-related issues;
 - (ii) Assess the existing experiences on collaboration between the forest and water sectors and assess the need for joint development of guidelines; and
 - (iii) Jointly consider developing projects on payment for ecosystem services.
- (d) Working together for forests:

Continue the good cooperation among European organizations to promote sustainable forest management in the region, including investigating innovative and effective approaches, in order to take full advantage of synergies and to promote exchange across different sectors.

X. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION ISSUES (Agenda item 9)

A. FAO activities of interest to the region, including their strategy for forestry

31. The Commission welcomed the progress made in the preparation of the new FAO strategy for forests and forestry. It took note of the fact that feedback had been received and incorporated from all regions, including Europe. It also noted that the Steering Committee of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) had requested the FAO secretariat to forward the strategy to the 19th Session of COFO in 2009 and had recommended that the new strategy be endorsed by the Committee. The Commission recommended that the finalization of the strategy should take into account the outcome of the Special Session of the FAO Conference (November 2008) and, when addressing climate change, emphasize the adaptation of forests.

32. The Commission welcomed the widened scope of the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2010 and recommended the wide use of FRA for information on sustainable forest management in international processes. It welcomed the initiation of the new State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources and recommended that the work be linked to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) on science and technology and its expert panel on adaptation. Furthermore, the Commission was informed that the next State of the World's Forests will be released in March 2009 at the 19th Session of COFO, with the theme "Society,

forests and forestry: adapting for the future”. The Commission also recommended that FAO facilitate dialogue on climate change adaptation in the forest sector.

33. The Commission was informed of the outcome of the 26th Session of its Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds held in Oulu, Finland, from 19 to 22 August 2008. It discussed “forests, water and climate change in high altitude and high latitude watersheds” and gathered contributions from a variety of stakeholders related to forest, water and risk management.

34. The Commission was also informed of the recent developments of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC)/European Forestry Commission (EFC)/Near East Forestry Commission (NEFC) Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - *Silva Mediterranea*.

35. The Commission was also informed of the XIII World Forestry Congress that will be held in Argentina from 18 to 25 October 2009 with the theme “Forests in development – a vital balance”.

B. Recommendations to be drawn to the attention of the nineteenth Session of the Committee on Forestry

36. The Commission identified the following issues for the attention of the Committee on Forestry:

(a) In addition to the critical role that forests play in climate change mitigation, the importance of improving the understanding of the impact of climate change on forests. This was an important issue not only in Europe but in all other regions of the world;

(b) The increasing emphasis on renewable energy, including bio-energy, will have many consequences for the world’s forests, including increased demand for wood. This issue is directly linked to the climate issues discussed above;

(c) Linkages between forests and water were discussed in-depth by COFO in 2003; it is considered timely to raise this as a priority issue again, in view of the impacts that climate change will have on future water supplies as well as the increasing severity and frequency of droughts and floods that the world is experiencing as a result of climate change;

(d) The forest sector cannot stand in isolation. This point should form a central part of COFO;

(e) As urban populations continue to expand in all regions, interactions between people and forests increase. One consequence is that forest fires are causing increasingly serious problems in peri-urban areas. This is a growing issue in Southern Europe, and in many other regions of the world.

C. Election of officers

37. The Commission elected the following to hold office from the end of the thirty-fourth session until the end of the thirty-fifth session: Ms. C. Ferreira (Portugal) as Chair, and Messrs.

P. Blombäck (Sweden), A. Chaudron (France) and A. Filipchuk (Russia) as Vice-Chairs. It warmly thanked Mr. Chaudron (France) for his contribution to the Commission's work during his chairmanship and Mr. J. Ilavsky (Slovakia) for his services as Chair and Vice-Chair.

D. Date and place of next session

38. The Commission invited delegations to consider offering to host the thirty-fifth session to take place in 2010, and asked the Bureau to make a recommendation accordingly.

**XI. UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TIMBER COMMITTEE ISSUES (Agenda item 10)**

A. Formalities and elections

39. The Committee elected Mr. B. Glavonjic (Serbia) as Chair and Mr. J. Dengg (Germany) and Ms. L. Langner (USA) as Vice-Chairs to hold office until the end of the Sixty-seventh Session. The Committee warmly thanked Mr. Dengg, the outgoing Chair, and Mr. H. Pajuoja (Finland), the outgoing Vice-Chair.

B. Date and place of next session

40. The Committee decided that the next session of the Timber Committee will be held during the week 12-16 October 2009 in Geneva.

**XII. EUROPEAN INPUT TO THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS
(Agenda item 11)**

41. The joint session agreed that progress had been made in Europe in addressing many of the critical global issues that are on the agenda of the European input to the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF 8). The work of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission constitutes a contribution from Europe to achieving the global objectives of UNFF. The joint session acknowledged and welcomed the broad, fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation in advancing sustainable forest management in Europe, including with the MCPFE, the Environment for Europe/Pan European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (EfE/PEBLDS) and other key players.

42. The joint session requested that the UNECE/FAO secretariat prepare an input to UNFF 8, from the European region, in continued cooperation with MCPFE, which was mandated by the Fifth Ministerial Conference to prepare an input, as well as with EfE/PEBLDS and EFI. It recommended that the input include the key achievements in the region and references to the on-going and future work of the entities involved, as related to addressing forests in a changing environment, as well as describe the ways these entities work together, highlighting the excellent existing cooperation among them.

43. The joint session noted the Koli Pan European workshop on “Forests in the changing environment” organized by the MCPFE and recognized the value of its output, highlighting European priorities for UNFF 8.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda item 12)

44. The joint session welcomed the organization of the first-ever European Forest Week and congratulated UNECE, FAO, the MCPFE and the European Community on the success of the event. The joint session thanked the European Forest Week Organizing Committee for its work and also warmly thanked the speakers who had greatly contributed to the discussions throughout the week, both during the plenary sessions (list of speakers included in Annex III) and the organizers and speakers at policy dialogues and partner events (list of policy dialogues and partner events included in Annex II). It noted that the European Forest Week represented a major communication opportunity which served the purpose of reaching out to other sectors as well as advancing dialogue and increasing understanding of important sector issues. The joint session welcomed the format of the week and recommended that a decision on a future European Forest Week be taken after evaluation of the first European Forest Week. The Committee and the Commission also recommended that regional events be considered within the context of the International Year of Forests in 2011.

45. The UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Markets and Marketing decided, at its inaugural meeting during the EFW, to conduct a follow-up workshop on green building and related issues, perhaps in conjunction with the Timber Committee session in 2009. It agreed, in line with its new mandate from the Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission, to continue conducting marketing capacity-building in southeast Europe. It will organize a workshop on modern wood energy markets, systems and policies in Serbia from 2 to 3 December 2008.

46. The joint session welcomed with appreciation the organization of 155 events in 30 countries to promote the objectives of the European Forest Week.

47. The joint session expressed its appreciation to Mr. K. Prins and Mr. W. Killmann for their dedicated and excellent services in support of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission.

XIV. ADOPTION OF THE JOINT SESSION REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE JOINT SESSION (Agenda item 13)

48. The European Forestry Commission and the Timber Committee adopted the present report of the joint session, on the basis of a draft presented by the secretariat.

Annex I

CHAIRS' SUMMARIES OF PLENARY SESSIONS

I. Forests and climate change

1. The plenary session was opened by the Chair of the EFC, Mr. A. Chaudron, followed by interventions by Prof. Dr. A. Fischlin, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, *Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule*, Zurich, Switzerland, and Mr. T. Rollinson, Director General, Forestry Commission, United Kingdom, on technical and political issues related to forests and climate change, globally as well as in Europe. Mr. Rollinson moderated the subsequent panel discussion together with Professor Fischlin, Ms. T. Presas, Managing Director, Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), Mr. C. Segersteen, President, Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF) and Ms. C. Saint-Laurent, Senior Policy Advisor, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

2. The panellists and participants reflected on the following questions:

(a) How should climate change mitigation and adaptation measures/programmes be integrated into forest sector policy, including national forest programmes, and vice-versa?

(b) How could forest management strategies be modified to reduce forests' vulnerability to climate change?

(c) How can better coordination and communication between climate change negotiations and forest sector policy issues be achieved at the national, regional and global levels?

(d) What do countries expect from FAO, UNECE and MCPFE in the context of forests and climate change?

3. Key points made included the following:

(a) The forestry sector promotes sustainable forest management as a comprehensive and balanced approach, which not only addresses climate change mitigation and adaptation, but also provides a range of other social, environmental and economic benefits in dynamic, multifunctional landscapes;

(b) The forest sector complements mitigation approaches by other sectors and reaches out to them to develop comprehensive, integrated, and multi-sectoral mitigation and adaptation strategies and measures;

(c) Adaptation strategies for Europe's forests need to be developed and implemented, taking into account, inter alia their genetic diversity;

(d) Greater public understanding of forests' contributions to climate change responses needs to be promoted using simple, clear messages backed up by verifiable facts;

(e) Carbon accounting systems should draw on existing assessment and monitoring mechanisms and be kept as simple as possible.

II. Forests and energy

4. The plenary session was opened by the Chair of the UNECE Timber Committee, Mr. J. Dengg, followed by a keynote presentation by Prof. R. Sims, Renewable Energy Unit, International Energy Agency. Ms. H. Summa, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission, moderated the panel discussion which included; Mr. T. Christophersen, Convention on Biodiversity Secretariat; Mr. M. Eliasson, European Confederation of Woodworking Industries - CEI-Bois; Mr. H. Kopetz, European Biomass Association – AEBIOM; and Mr. P.-O. Drege, *Office National des Forêts*, France and European State Forest Association.

5. The panellists and participants reflected on the following questions:

- (a) Will wood energy harm the forest-based industries in Europe?
- (b) What role should wood energy play in climate change mitigation?
- (c) Forest biodiversity and wood energy production – how to manage tradeoffs?
- (d) How can policy-makers help the forest sector to find a new equilibrium?
- (e) What is the role for international organizations?

6. Key points of the discussion included the following:

(a) Wood energy is part of the solution to the energy and climate change challenge, but cannot be seen in isolation. Energy savings and energy efficiency must also be taken into consideration;

(b) Responses to the challenges must be based on sustainable forest management, which can find a balance between the different demands on forests, including biodiversity, livelihoods as well as being sources of raw material and energy. Existing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management should be taken into account when constructing systems to ensure the sustainability of bio fuels and biomass;

(c) There is potential to mobilize more wood in Europe, although the maximum sustainable level of wood supply is not yet clear - it would depend on technical and economic factors as well as on political will;

(d) To meet future demand it may be necessary to produce woody biomass on agricultural land, taking into account food security aspects;

(e) Effective mobilization of forest residues and fire management can help to reduce the risk of severe forest fires;

(f) UNECE, FAO and other international organizations should continue to provide relevant information and analysis as well as a forum for exchange of views on policies.

III. Forests and water

7. The session was opened by the Chair, Ms. S. Vermont, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, followed by the keynote speaker Mr. C. Kuchli, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, on technical and political issues related to forests and water, globally and in

Europe. Ms. Vermont moderated the subsequent panel discussion with Mr. G. Steindlegger, World Wide Fund for Nature; Ms. H. Eriksson, Swedish Forest Agency; Prof. E. Pierzgaliski, Forest Research Institute, Poland; Mr. Eric Toppan, Private Forestry Federation, France; and Mr. P. C. Zingari, European Landowners Organization.

8. The panellists and participants reflected on the following questions:

- (a) What are the benefits of cooperation?
- (b) Are national strategies integrative enough?
- (c) What are the major obstacles and how to overcome them?
- (d) How to foster collaboration?
- (e) What are the areas for collaboration?
- (f) How can the Warsaw Resolution #2 be promoted?
- (g) What are the positive experiences on cross-sectoral cooperation, payments for ecosystem services (PES) and others?

9. Key points made included the following:

- (a) The plenary session was the first policy-level meeting between water and forest sectors - such cooperation can bring many benefits to both sectors and needs to be further strengthened;
- (b) As a basis for such cooperation, improved knowledge on forest hydrology and forest and water inter-linkages are needed, as well as enhanced information exchange, communication and cross-fertilization;
- (c) National and trans-boundary institutions (such as water councils or national forest programmes) should bring together all actors;
- (d) Forest and water should be seen in the broad landscape context and an integrated approach should be applied at the local, national and transboundary levels;
- (e) Payments for ecosystem services are a key tool which need more consideration; practical implementation in projects and learning from experience. Bundling of services (e.g. carbon sequestration, biodiversity, recreation) needs to be enhanced;
- (f) Many countries have developed policy and management tools for the integrated management of forests and water. It is important to exchange existing experience and to evaluate the need for additional guidance at the regional and national levels; and
- (g) Global drivers of change such as climate change, energy crises and changes in production and consumption patterns call for coherent and integrated responses from the water and forest sectors that need to be developed jointly.

IV. Working together for forests

10. The plenary session was opened by the Chair, Mr. K. Øistad, Deputy Director General, Department of Forest and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway, representing the MCPFE Coordinating Committee, followed by: Prof. P. Jakubowicz Paschalis,

Forestry Faculty, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, on behalf of the Minister of Environment of Poland “forests and sustainable forest management-related developments in Europe and worldwide and linkages between forests and climate change”; Mr. A. I. Sletnes, Head of the MCPFE Liaison Unit Oslo, Norway; and Mr. K. Prins, Chief, UNECE/FAO Timber Section, UNECE, “sustainable forest management in Europe and work on timber and forestry”. Mr. P. Csoka, acting Director of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, highlighted major developments since UNFF 7, including region- and country-led initiatives and broadening regional activities, and Mr. H. Granholm, Head of Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland, presented the outcome of the “Pan-European workshop on “Forests in the changing environment”, which was held in Koli, Finland, in September 2008.

11. Key points made during the session include:

(a) There is good cooperation among European organizations to promote sustainable forest management in the region, based on a transparent and participatory process, and this should continue;

(b) Innovative and effective approaches to further strengthen existing cooperation in the region in order to benefit from synergies and to provide inputs to other sectors and vice versa, should be explored;

(c) Forest issues are high on the agendas of other fora, which are showing increased interest in forests and forestry, particularly with regard to developing policies on climate change, governance, energy or biomass issues;

(d) Strengthening the visibility of the forest sector in other fora through better communication should be supported in order to mainstream sustainable forest management concepts and tools within other sectors and policies;

(e) At the national level close cooperation among focal points is particularly important;

(f) At the same time the forest sector should also work internally on synergies in order to be able to respond quickly to other sectors’ demands - a good example of such cross-sectoral activity is ongoing work on sustainability criteria within MCPFE, but more proactive approaches are needed;

(g) The forest sector should address new challenges such as climate change and energy;

(h) Europe should share with other regions its lessons learnt on achievements and approaches on sustainable forest management as well as its tools and concepts;

(i) The Koli workshop provided an excellent basis for discussion and elaboration of a contribution from the Pan-European region to the UNFF 8; its report will also be forwarded to the ELM and UNFF secretariats;

(j) The first-ever European Forest Week (EFW) is a good example of cooperation among international organizations. The results and the outcomes of the EFW will be evaluated and a decision on a similar event in the future will be taken at a later stage.

Annex II

**LIST OF POLICY DIALOGUES AND PARTNER EVENTS
DURING THE EUROPEAN FOREST WEEK**

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZER
Monday 20 October	Green Building Workshop	UNECE / FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Product Markets and Marketing
	Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products	FAO Forestry Department
	Forest Communicators Network	UNECE/FAO
	Team of Specialists on Forest Products Markets and Marketing	UNECE/FAO
Tuesday 21 October	Workshop on the future of the industry	International Council of Forest and Paper Associations
	Improving forest law enforcement and governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy	World Bank/EC/IUCN/WWF
	New forest policy of the Russian Federation: challenges to the future	Russian Confederation of Associations and Unions of Forest, Pulp and paper, Woodworking and Furniture Industry/Federal Forestry Agency of the Russian Federation
	The role of wood products in climate change mitigation	<i>Johann Heinrich von Thuenen-Institut (vTI)</i> / Switzerland / UNECE / FAO
	Increasing knowledge about adaptation of forests and forest management to climate change (outcome of the Umea conference)	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden/International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) / FAO
	The Third National Forestry Congress: an Italian vision on Mediterranean forest challenges	<i>Corpo Forestale dello Stato and Accademia Italiana di Scienze Forestali</i> (Italy)
	Forest owners event on climate change issues	Confederation of European Private Forest Owners (CEPF), COPA-COGECA and Confederation of European Private Forest Owners (EUSTAFOR)
	Adaptation of forest trees to climate change	Bioversity International
Wednesday 22 October	Open Ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Sustainability Criteria for Forest Biomass Production, including Bioenergy	MCPFE
	Potential sustainable wood supply in Europe	CEPF, UNECE/FAO
	Gender and forestry	UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Gender and Forestry

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZER
	Fire management in Europe	<i>Silva Mediterranea</i> , Joint Research Centre Ispra (EC), <i>Corpo Forestale dello Stato Italia</i> , FAO
	XIII World Forestry Congress Meeting of the Advisory Committee	FAO
	Wood energy in the region: latest information and trends	UNECE
	Information event on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) activities	European Forest Institute (EFI)
	Forests - promoting or harming human health	IUFRO / Finnish Forest Research Institute (Metla)
	<i>Silva Mediterranea</i>	EFC / AFWC / NEFC - FAO
	Task force on wood availability and demand	UNECE/FAO
Thursday 23 October	NFP experiences in Europe and Central Asia	FAO and Partners
	Climate change and forest biodiversity	<i>Corpo forestale dello Stato (Italy)</i>

Annex III

LIST OF SPEAKERS DURING THE EUROPEAN FOREST WEEK

(listed in alphabetical order by name of speaker)

PLENARY DISCUSSIONS

- Lars Peder Brekk**, Minister for Agriculture and Food, Norway, Co-chair of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)
- Jim Butler**, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome
- Tim Christophersen**, United Nations Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) Secretariat, Canada
- Peter Csoka**, United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), USA
- Pierre-Olivier Drege**, *Office National des Forêts*, France and European State Forest Association
- Mikael Eliasson**, European Confederation of Woodworking Industries – (CEI-bois), Belgium
- Hillevi Eriksson**, Forest Agency, Sweden
- Andreas Fischlin**, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Switzerland
- Paolo Garonna**, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Heikki Granholm**, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
- Jan Heino**, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Piotr Paschalis Jakubowicz**, Ministry of Environment, Poland
- Heinz Kopetz**, European Biomass Association – (AEBIOM), Belgium
- Christian Küchli**, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- Benito Marin-Herrero**, Economic Commission Delegation in Rome
- Knut Øistad**, Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), Norway
- Edward Pierzgałski**, Forest Research Institute, Poland
- Teresa Presas**, Confederation of European Paper Industries, (CEPI), Belgium
- Kit Prins**, Secretary, FAO European Forestry Commission/UNECE Timber Committee, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva
- Tim Rollinson**, Forestry Commission, United Kingdom
- Carole Saint-Laurent**, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Canada
- Christer Segersteen**, Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF), Sweden
- Ralph Sims**, International Energy Agency, France
- Arne Ivar Sletnes**, Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), Norway
- Gerald Steindlegger**, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Austria
- Hilkka Summa**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Belgium
- Eric Toppan**, Private Forestry Federation, France
- Sibylle Vermont**, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- Pier Carlo Zingari**, European Landowners Organization, Belgium

JOINT UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MARKET DISCUSSIONS, 21-22 OCTOBER 2008

Florian Borlea, Timisoara Branch Directorate, National Forest Administration, Romania

Urs Buehlmann, Virginia Tech, Brooks Forest Products Center, Virginia, USA

Alain Chaudron, Chairman, FAO European Forestry Commission

Johann Dengg, Chairman, UNECE Timber Committee

Ivan Eastin, Center for International Trade in Forest Products (CINTRAFOR), USA

Carl-Eric Guertin, Quebec Wood Export Bureau (Q-WEB), Canada

Bengt Hillring, University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

Peter Ince, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, USA

Thorsten Leicht, Pöyry Forest Industry Consulting, Germany

Ruth Nussbaum, ProForest, UK

Olle Olsson, University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

Ed Pepke, UNECE/FAO Timber Section, Geneva

Helmuth Resch, *Universität für Bodenkultur*, Austria

Russ Taylor, International Wood Markets Group Inc., Canada

Constantin Tobescu, Fordaq Timber Network, Romania

UNECE WORKING GROUP ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Ella Behlyarova, Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE

Francesca Bernardini, Secretary to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE

Joost Buntsma, Directorate-General for Water Affairs, The Netherlands

Rainer Enderlein, Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE

Kjersti B. Fjellstad, Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), Norway

Tamara Guvir, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Moldova

Sabina Klicheva, International HCH and Pesticides Association (IHPA), Azerbaijan

Sonja Koeppel, Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE

Volodya Narimanyan, Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia

Pasquale Steduto, Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, FAO

Thomas Stratenwerth, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Rafiq Verdiyev, International HCH and Pesticides Association (IHPA), Azerbaijan

UNECE/FAO EVENTS

Policy Dialogue on the role of wood products in climate change mitigation

Sebastian Hetsch, Trade and Timber Division, UNECE
Kim Pingoud, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Kit Prins, Secretary, EFC/TC, UNECE/FAO Timber Section
Sebastian Rüter, Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut, Germany

Policy Dialogue on potential sustainable wood supply in Europe

Roland Beck, European Commission, Brussels
Matthias Dees, Biomass Energy for Europe, Germany
Sebastian Hetsch, UNECE/FAO Timber Section, Geneva
Morten Thorøe, Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF), Belgium

Policy Dialogue on wood energy in the region: latest information and trends

Alain Arnaud, CGC Dalkia, Switzerland
Oliver Helbing, Realinvests AG, Germany
Knut Omholt, Södra Cell Värö Mill, Sweden
Kit Prins, Secretary, EF/TC, UNECE/FAO Timber Section, Geneva
Florian Steierer, UNECE/FAO Timber Section, Geneva
