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AND PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1998 TO 2002**

**RECYCLING, ENERGY AND MARKET INTERACTIONS:
MEETING OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS**

(Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda)

Note by the secretariat

This document contains the April 1997 meeting report of the Timber Committee's Team of Specialists on Recycling, Energy and Market Interactions. The Team will meet again in September 1997 and thus a second report will be at least orally presented at the session.

The Committee is invited to:

- review the Team's activities to date;
- review its proposed study;
- review its proposed workshop in Turkey in 1998.

**MEETING OF THE ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
RECYCLING, ENERGY AND MARKET INTERACTIONS**

Geneva, Switzerland, 8 April 1997

Report of the Meeting¹

Introduction

1. The first meeting of the Team of Specialists on Recycling, Energy and Market Interactions was convened in Geneva on 8 April 1997 in accordance with the decision of the ECE Timber Committee to establish the Team to "analyze the influences and interaction of technological and legislation developments on recycling (solid wood and fibre), energy and timber markets" and "to provide technology transfer to countries in transition" (ECE/TIM/87, paragraph 27). Mr. Kit Prins, Officer-in-Charge of the Timber Section, welcomed the new team to Geneva and challenged them to carry out the mandate from the Timber Committee.

2. Of the 21 members nominated for the team, the following team members participated in this meeting: Messrs. Johannes Hangler (Austria), Hrvoje Turkulin (Croatia), Petr Horacek (Czech Republic), Jars Horacek (Czech Republic), Peter Hviid (Denmark), Johannes Dengg (Germany), Kostantinos Dimopoulos (Greece), Johan Stolp (Netherlands), Oistein Gulbrandsen (Norway), Ioan Braga (Romania), Bengt Hillring (Sweden), Thomas Grünenfelder (Switzerland), and Ms. Ayten Kamaci (Turkey). Messrs. Kit Prins and Ed Pepke participated from the secretariat.

Adoption of the agenda (Item 1 of the Agenda)

3. The provisional agenda was adopted.

Election of the meeting chair (Item 2 of the Agenda)

4. Mr. Johan Stolp (Netherlands) chaired the meeting.

Selection of meeting rapporteur (Item 3 of the Agenda)

5. Mr. Ed Pepke, Forest Products Marketing Officer from the secretariat, was rapporteur.

Background of the team (Item 4 of the Agenda)

6. Mr. Stolp explained the origins of the Team and its links to former teams of specialists on Wood and Energy and on New Products, Recycling, Markets and Applications of Forest Products. At their workshop in Hamburg, Germany in September 1996, these two former teams met and drafted a mandate which was subsequently approved by the Timber Committee for the new team.

¹ As prepared by the secretariat, meeting chairman and team leader.

Programme of work (Item 5 of the Agenda)

7. Discussions began with consideration of the recommendations from the Hamburg workshop on "Policy issues in timber markets and recycling and energy generation from wood." Some recommendations will be referred to other bodies, for example the need for uniform definitions and statistics on various grades of wood residues and recovered paper will be brought before the FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.

8. In order to fulfil the recommendations from the Hamburg workshop, which called for five studies, current national information is needed to provide a background on wood raw material flows, including its use for energy. The Team called for **country reports** according to a standard format which will facilitate their compilation and analysis. National reports will cover wood flows, current legislation, the consequences of that legislation on markets and the contribution of wood for energy production. **Team members are requested to use the questionnaire and flow chart in Annex II and to submit reports to the team leader and secretariat by 1 June 1997.** These reports will be analyzed at the next meeting in preparation for further detailed studies.

9. Turkey offered to host a **workshop** for the Team in the second half of 1998 at the Zonguldak Karaelmas University in Bartın, Turkey. One of the suggested themes, waste paper utilization, was seen as relevant for the Team's terms of reference as both paper and energy uses could be discussed. A broadening of the theme to include recovered waste wood was also mentioned. The workshop would be an opportunity to transfer information to countries in transition.

Division of responsibilities and assignments of work (Item 6 of the Agenda)

10. A working group to prepare the framework for national reports was established: Messrs. Hillring (leader) and Pepke.

11. A workshop organizing group was established: Ms. Kamaci (leader (subject to approval)), Messrs. Hillring, Dengg (subject to approval), and Pepke.

Election of team leader and deputy leader (Item 7 of the Agenda)

12. Mr. Hillring was elected leader. Mr. Stolp was elected deputy leader.

Date and place of next meeting (Item 8 of the Agenda)

13. The next full team meeting is scheduled for 29-30 September or possibly 1 October 1997 in Geneva, one week before the Timber Committee Session's annual market discussion. The meeting will analyze the national reports and prepare further studies.

Other business (Item 9 of the Agenda)

14. No other business was discussed.

Arrangements for producing meeting report (Item 10 of the Agenda)

15. Mr. Pepke will draft the report with the assistance of the team leader and deputy leader/meeting chairman and then distribute it with a cover letter calling for the national reports to all team members.

Annexes attached to the original report (available from secretariat):

I. Participants of the 8 April 1997 meeting of the ECE Timber Committee Team of Specialists on Recycling, Energy and Market Interactions

II. National report format

II. Publications distributed at the meeting