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PROGRAMME OF WORK: RECYCLING, ENERGY AND MARKET INTERACTIONS

(Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda)

Note by the secretariat

This document briefly presents the activities of the team of specialists on recycling, energy and market interactions, notably plans for a workshop in November 1998. The Committee and the Commission are invited to review these activities and the plans for the workshop.

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Introduction

1. In the interests of legibility and concision, the document on the programme of work has been kept very short and focussed on the main issues for the attention of the Committee and the Commission. The price of this is that it has not been possible to provide full reports on all activities. This is particularly the case with activities carried out informally, notably the work of teams of specialists. This document presents information on the activities of one such team, and draws the attention of the Committee and the Commission to points for decision.

Team of specialists on recycling, energy and market interactions (leader Mr. B. Hillring)

2. The team has met twice since the last report, in September 1997 and March 1998 (reports available from the secretariat). Activities have been as follows:

- 15 national reports had been prepared, according to a standard format;
- It has unfortunately not proved possible to prepare a report of sufficient depth and quality on the complex themes in the team's mandate with the resources available to team members.
- The special topic for the Committee session in September 1998 had been prepared on the basis of the team's discussions, and will be based on presentations by team members.
- A workshop will be held in Turkey in November 1998 (outline attached as annex I). The team will meet in conjunction with the workshop.

3. In 1997, the team's mandate was extended one year, to October 1999, with the content of the mandate unchanged, in order to hold the workshop, which could not be scheduled earlier than November 1998, and to report to the Committee's 57th session.

Annex I
UN/ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ON
RECYCLING, ENERGY AND MARKET INTERACTIONS

Istanbul, Turkey, 3-6 November 1998

Provisional agenda

Tuesday 3 November: Registration and opening statements

- 1800 Welcome and opening of workshop
1. Ministry of Forestry presentation
 2. UN/ECE presentation
 3. Karadenn Technical University presentation
 4. UN/ECE Timber Committee presentation
 5. Team of Specialists Chairman
 6. Introduction to programme and speakers
 7. Introduction of participants
 8. Election of workshop chairman (from Turkey)
 9. Election of workshop vice-chairman (from Turkey)
 10. Adoption of agenda
- 2000 Reception

Wednesday 4 November

Keynote speeches

- 0900 Keynote presentation by Turkish speaker
0930 Keynote presentation by European speaker
1000 Question period
1015 Coffee

Technical presentations

First session: Legislation and its effects on recycling and energy

- 1045 German situation
1115 European Union situation via white paper
1145 Discussion (structured with 1. counterpoint by CEPI or FESYP; 2. country in transition situation; 3. Turkish situation; 4. general discussion)
1330 Lunch

Second session: Recycling

- 1500 North American situation
1545 Turkish situation
1615 Discussion (with country in transition situations)
1645 Refreshments simultaneous with
1645 Poster session
2000 Dinner

Thursday 5 November: Technical presentations continued

Third session: Energy generation from wood

- 0900 Swedish situation

0945 Turkish situation
1015 Discussion (with country in transition situations)
1045 Coffee

Fourth session: Market interactions

1115 Perspective of forest owner
1145 Perspective of industry
1215 Perspective of policy maker
1245 Substitution (wood for wood and non-wood for wood).
1300 Discussion
1330 Lunch (posters still available)
1500 Sources of technical assistance and funding, with question period

Final session: Conclusions and recommendations

1600 Draft of conclusions
1645 Refreshments (simultaneous rewriting of conclusions)
1715 Approval of conclusions

Arrangements for writing the meeting report
Arrangements for publishing the proceedings

1745 Introduction to study tour
(1800 Meeting for Team of Specialists members)
2000 Dinner

Friday 6 November: Study tour

Depart on study tour
Dönkasan paper recovery facilities
Kartonsan recycled paperboard production
Yongapan use of wood residues for wood-based panels and energy generation
Return to hotels

Saturday 7 November: Optional cultural programme