Annotated provisional agenda for the Third Session

To be held at the Ramada Plaza
from 10 a.m. on Monday, 28 January 2013

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organizational matters
4. Further consideration of the draft negotiating text, including compliance; terms and definitions; finance and secretariat arrangements, including possible interim solutions; and possibilities for bringing the agreement under the United Nations umbrella
5. Roadmap for the negotiation process
6. Other matters
7. Report of the session
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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The meeting will be opened by Mr. Jan Heino (Finland), Chair of the Committee. Other opening addresses may also be given.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its session, on the basis of the provisional agenda.

3. Organizational matters

(a) Observer status

The Committee may wish to grant observer status to any organization, if requested.

(b) Organization of work

The Chair will propose an organization of work during the session for the consideration of the Committee. The proposed timetable is as follows: the Committee will work from
28 January to 1 February from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Russian.

Most of the meetings will be conducted in plenary, but it is proposed that, on 30 January two parallel working groups could be convened, from 10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For the working groups interpretation will be provided in English, French and Russian. The plenary session will be suspended during these working group meetings.

4. Consideration of the draft negotiating text

The Committee is expected to continue the second reading of the draft negotiating text (Document 2/INC3, Draft negotiating text for a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe as of 7 September 2012 at the end of INC2 Plenary). The Committee may also wish to undertake a third reading of the draft negotiating text, continue the detailed consideration of its content, and advance it by concluding the formulation of paragraphs, where possible.

The Committee is expected to address compliance; terms and definitions; finance and secretariat arrangements, including possible interim solutions; and possibilities for bringing the agreement under the United Nations umbrella. The Committee may wish to decide on whether to recommend bringing the agreement under the United Nations umbrella, and other issues related to furthering the agreement.

5. Roadmap for the negotiation process

The Committee is expected to address a revised roadmap for the foreseen negotiations in 2013. A revised roadmap is presented in Document 3/INC3.

The Committee may wish to decide on its work plan for 2013 as well as on the date, duration and venue of the Fourth (and final) Session.

6. Other matters

The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised during the session.

7. Report of the session

The Committee will be invited to consider the draft report of its third session prepared by the Chair and to take appropriate action. The final report, including any agreed amendments, will be circulated by the Chair, as specified in the rules of procedure.

8. Closure of the session

The session is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 1 February.