Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe

Fourth Session
Warsaw, 10-14 June 2013

Annotated provisional agenda for the Fourth Session

To be held at the Marriott Hotel from 10 a.m. on Monday, 10 June 2013

I. Provisional agenda

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6. Consideration of possible interim arrangements after INC4
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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 10 June to 14 June 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. The session will be conducted in plenary.

4. Further consideration and conclusion of the draft negotiating text, including further consideration of issues regarding UN umbrella, finance and secretariat

At its fourth session the Committee is expected to conclude its work on the draft negotiating text, including any part left pending in preceding sessions.

The Committee may wish to complete its consideration of the two broad options for bringing the agreement under the UN umbrella, namely a treaty adopted under UN auspices/ UN System auspices, or a non-UN treaty serviced by an organ or an organization of the UN system, and decide also on the organization that should be invited for this purpose. The Committee is also expected to conclude provisions on secretariat arrangements.

The Committee is expected to consider a summary note prepared by the Bureau (Document 4/INC4) providing information about major cost elements likely to be associated with the legally binding agreement, possible sources of financial resources and options showing possible draft text proposals for any financial provisions in the agreement. The Committee is expected to conclude on financial provisions of the draft negotiating text.

5. Consideration of the INC results and their presentation to the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference (para. 29 of the Oslo Mandate)

At its third session the Committee invited the Bureau to draft, for consideration by the Committee at its fourth session, elements of a document by which the final draft of the negotiating text would be presented to Ministers at the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference scheduled for early November, in Madrid, Spain.

The Committee may wish to consider the Bureau’s note (Document 5/INC4) and decide on any relevant recommendation it may wish to give to the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference.

6. Consideration of possible interim arrangements after INC4

The Committee may wish to consider any relevant interim arrangements to be put in place after its fourth session. The current mandate of the Committee, its Chair and Bureau will expire by the date of the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference, to which
the Committee will report on its results. The Committee may wish to consider measures necessary for delivering the final draft of the legally binding agreement to the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference, and give guidance to the Bureau and the secretariat for any action needed in this regard.

7. Other matters

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

8. Report of the session

The Committee will be invited to consider the draft report of its fourth 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.

9. Closure of the session

The session is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 14 June.