I. Introduction

1. At the First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe held in Vienna on 27 February – 2 March 2012 Parties established a Roadmap for the negotiation process (INC1/Document 4).

2. At its Second Session (INC2), the Committee is expected to undertake a first reading of the draft negotiating text (Document 2/INC2). The Committee may also wish to start detailed consideration of the content and advance the text by concluding on the formulation for any paragraph possible and give guidance for elaborating the text further where agreement has not be reached. The Committee may also wish to consider paragraph 24 g. of the Oslo Mandate “the possibility of the agreement being brought under the United Nations umbrella” and provide further guidelines on addressing paragraph 24 f.

3. INC2 is also expected to review the work plan for the subsequent two sessions and decide on possible intersessional activities. At the First Session Parties welcomed possible intersessional work on definitions/use of terms (Section II.) as well as on compliance (under Section VI.) as contained in the Annotated Table of Contents for a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe (Annex C/INC1/2012/REP).

4. In order to advance the work between INC2 and INC3, the INC2 may decide on possible intersessional work, subject to availability of financial resources and progress made at INC2.

5. The Committee may wish to decide on issues that may need to be addressed by an ad hoc open ended working group with the view to provide a forum for detailed deliberation on issues that would require technical discussions, taking into account the guidance as contained in the Annex C/INC1/2012/REP. The result of such work should provide input for consideration by the Committee at its Third Session.
II. Work modalities for the Third and the Fourth Session of the Committee

A. Third Session

1. Based on the outcome of the Second Session, the Committee is expected to consider further the draft negotiating text at its Third Session, continuing consideration of the content and advancing the text by trying to complete as many sections as possible. INC3 is also expected to review the work plan for the subsequent period and for the fourth and the last session. INC3 may also decide on possible intersessional activities between INC3 and INC4.

B. Fourth Session

2. At its Fourth Session (INC4), the Committee should conclude its work on the entire text, including all parts that might have been left pending during the preceding sessions.

IV. Dates and venue of future sessions

3. According to the rules of procedure, and the request made by Parties at the first session of the Committee, the Bureau suggests the following timetable for the remaining INC sessions:
   • Third Session: 28 January 2013 – 1 February 2013 (to be confirmed)
   • Fourth Session: May - June 2013 (to be confirmed)
4. It is suggested that INC2 decides on the exact dates and venue of the third session, and agrees on indicative dates for the last session.
## ANNEX: Roadmap for the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiations Committee (2011-2013)

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| 27 February 2012 – 2 March 2012 | **INC1**  
1. Organizational matters  
2. Providing guidance on developing a first draft negotiating text  
3. Discussion on the work plan of the Committee, intersessional activities and modalities for stakeholder participation | First draft of the negotiating text prepared on the basis of the INC1 guidance            |
| March 2012 – May 2012     | First draft of the negotiating text prepared                             | Draft negotiating text (English version only) circulated                                   |
| 1 June 2012               | Draft negotiating text (English version only) circulated                 | Draft negotiating text (English version only) circulated                                   |
| April 2012 – August 2012  | Any other work requested by the Committee  
Preparations for INC2 |                                                                                         |
| 3 - 7 September 2012      | **INC2**  
1. First reading of the draft negotiating text  
2. Detailed consideration of the amended draft negotiating text  
3. Consideration of possibility of bringing agreement under the UN umbrella (24.g.)  
4. Consideration of organization and streamlined secretariat arrangements (24.f.) | The draft negotiating text considered and views incorporated into the advanced version  |
| September 2012 - December 2012 | Intersessional work as requested by the Committee  
Preparations for INC3 | Conclusions on all possible elements of the draft negotiating text section,            |
| November 2012             | Distribution of the advanced draft of the negotiating text               | Updated work plan (Roadmap)                                                             |
| 28 January 2013 – 1 February 2013 (to be confirmed) | **INC3**  
1. Further consideration of the draft negotiating text | Parts of the text/chapters of the negotiating text concluded by the Committee         |
| January – May/June 2013   | Intersessional work                                                      |                                                                                         |
| April 2013                | Distribution of the advanced draft of the negotiating text               |                                                                                         |
| January – May/June 2013   | Any other work requested by the Committee                                |                                                                                         |
| May-June 2013 (tentatively) | **INC4**  
Final reading of the negotiating text | Conclusion on the negotiating text and all organizational arrangements                |
| To be determined           | FOREST EUROPE Extraordinary Ministerial Conference                      |                                                                                         |