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

Third Session Resumed
St. Petersburg, 3-5 April, 2013

Annotated provisional agenda for the Third Session

Addendum 1

To be held at New Peterhof Hotel from 10 a.m. on Wednesday 3 April, 2013

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the resumed session
2. Organizational matters of the resumed session
3. Further consideration of item 4.
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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the resumed session

INC3 agreed on 1 February to suspend the session and resume in St. Petersburg, the Russian Federation, on 3-5 April 2013. The resumed session will be opened by Mr. Jan Heino (Finland), Chair of the Committee. Other opening addresses may also be given.

2. Organizational matters of the resumed session

(a) Organization of work

The Chair will propose an organization of work during the resumed session for the consideration of the Committee. The proposed timetable is as follows: the Committee will work from 3 April to 5 April 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 meeting will be conducted in plenary. As agreed at the first meeting of the third session a legal expert group will be established with the task of examining the Final Clauses of the Draft Negotiating Text. Informal consultations and contact groups with specific tasks may also be established.
3. **Further consideration of item 4.**

At the first meeting of the third session held in Antalya 28 January – 1 February 2013 the Committee advanced the negotiations and agreed to continue detailed consideration of the *Draft negotiating text for a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe, 1 February 2013* (Document 2/INC3R) at its resumed meeting. The Committee is expected to further advance the draft negotiating text 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 is also invited to consider the draft Annex on arbitration.

At the first meeting of the third session the Committee discussed the *Analytical document on some of the key aspects involved in deciding on bringing the legally binding agreement under the United Nations umbrella* (Document 5/INC3) and its Annexes. The Committee agreed to further consider key issues for deciding on bringing the agreement under the United Nations umbrella at the resumed session in St. Petersburg. The Committee may wish to formulate recommendations in that matter.

4. **Further consideration of item 5.**

At the first meeting of the third session held in Antalya 28 January – 1 February 2013 the Committee considered the *Updated roadmap for the negotiation process* (Document 3/INC3). It was noted that a clear roadmap is needed from now to INC4, from INC4 to the extraordinary ministerial conference, and as appropriate, for the period after that conference.

It was also noted that the resumed session in St. Petersburg should discuss and decide whether and when the INC would draft a resolution for the purpose of presenting the results of the negotiations to an extraordinary FOREST EUROPE ministerial conference to be held later this year in Madrid.

Upon the request of the Committee the secretariat updated the roadmap and the Bureau prepared a note as contained in Document 3/INC3add1. The Committee is expected to address the revised roadmap for the foreseen negotiations in 2013.

5. **Other matters**

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

6. **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.

7. **Closure of the session**

The session is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 5 April.

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