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Other decisions

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Title:

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifteenth session and provisional agenda for its sixteenth session

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17 Jul 2020

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N/A plenary meeting

Agenda item:

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Originating body:

UN Forum on Forests

Decision text:

On 17 July 2020, the Economic and Social Council, on the proposal of the Vice-President (Pakistan),

- (a) Took note of the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifteenth session;
- (b) Noted that the sixteenth session of the Forum will be held at Headquarters from 26 to 30 April 2021;
- (c) Approved the provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Forum as set out below:

Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Technical discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
 - (a) Thematic priorities for the 2021–2022 biennium, in support of the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030;
 - (b) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
 - (i) New announcements of voluntary national contributions;
 - (ii) Updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities;
 - (c) Contributions of, and enhanced cooperation with, partners to achieving the

thematic priorities:

- (i) Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests;
- (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities;
- (iii) Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans;
- (d) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2021, the work towards the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and other international forest-related developments;
- (e) Implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 communication and outreach strategy, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests in 2021;
- (f) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
- (g) Monitoring, assessment and reporting:
 - (i) Forum flagship publication;
 - (ii) Global core set of forest-related indicators;
 - (iii) Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020.

4. Forum trust fund.

5. Emerging issues: impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on forests and the forest sector.

6. Adoption of the Forum's programme of work for 2022–2024.

7. Dates and venue of the seventeenth session of the Forum.

8. Provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the Forum.

9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its sixteenth session.