

## ECOSOC Decision 2003/298

### **Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session and provisional agenda for its fourth session**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 25 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session;<sup>1</sup>

(b) Approved the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Forum as set out below.

#### **Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Status of the Secretariat.
4. Implementation of the proposal for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests:
  - (a) Progress in implementation:
    - (i) Traditional forest-related knowledge;
    - (ii) Forest-related scientific knowledge;
    - (iii) Social and cultural aspects of forests;
    - (iv) Monitoring, assessment and reporting, concepts, terminology and definitions;
    - (v) Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management;
  - (b) Means of implementation (finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies and capacity-building for sustainable forest management) as a cross-cutting issue, considered in the context of sub-items 4 (a), (i) (v) above.
5. Common items for each session:
  - (a) Multi-stakeholder dialogue;
  - (b) Enhanced cooperation;
  - (c) Country experiences and lessons learned;
  - (d) Emerging issues relevant to country implementation;
  - (e) Intersessional work;
  - (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting;
  - (g) Promoting public participation;

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid., *Supplement No. 22* (E/2003/42).

- (h) National forest programmes;
  - (i) Trade;
  - (j) Enabling environment.
6. Other matters.
  7. Dates and venue of the fifth session of the Forum.
  8. Provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Forum.
  9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourth session.