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Title:

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

Meeting date(s):

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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.