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## United Nations Forum on Forests

### Fifteenth session

Agenda item 13

### Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fifteenth session

## Draft report

*Rapporteur:* Khalid Cherki (Morocco)

## I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

### A. Draft resolution for adoption by the Council

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### Omnibus resolution

[insert text of draft resolution [E/CN.18/2020/L.4](#) following adoption]

### B. Draft decision for adoption by the Council

2. The United Nations Forum on Forests recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

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

The Economic and Social Council:

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

(b) Notes that the sixteenth session of the Forum will be held at Headquarters from 26 to 30 April 2021;

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2020, Supplement No. 22 (E/2020/42).*



(c) Approves 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**

[insert text of draft decision [E/CN.18/2020/L.1](#) following adoption]

**C. Decision brought to the attention of the Council**

3. The following draft decision adopted by the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fifteenth session is brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council:

**Dates and venue of the sixteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

[insert text of draft decision [E/CN.18/2020/L.2](#) following adoption]

**II. Organization of the session**

**A. Work of the session**

4. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution [2020/4](#) of 4 June 2020, and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) affecting the working arrangements and the available technological and procedural solutions in the interim period, the United Nations Forum on Forests did not hold a formal meeting of its fifteenth session.

5. The Forum held its fifteenth session through correspondence and informal consultations and considered proposals through a silence procedure pursuant to Council decision 2020/206 of 22 May 2020 (see annex II on the correspondence).

6. In accordance with the invitation of the Chair of the fifteenth session to members of the Forum and stakeholders to submit official statements in writing, communicated in his letter dated 30 April 2020, official statements received by the secretariat for posting on the web page of the Forum can be accessed at the following link: [www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html).

7. The Forum adopted its draft report on the session on \_\_ June 2020.

**B. Election of officers**

8. At the 1st meeting of its fourteenth session, on 11 May 2018, the Forum elected by acclamation Boris Greguška (Slovakia) as Chair and Javad Momeni (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chair of the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions.

9. At the 2nd meeting of its fourteenth session, on 6 May 2019, the Forum elected by acclamation Khalid Cherki (Morocco), Kitty Sweeb (Suriname) and Rob Busink (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairs of the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions.

10. On \_\_ June 2020, pursuant to Council decision 2020/206, the Forum appointed Khalid Cherki (Morocco) to serve concurrently as Rapporteur of the fifteenth session.

## C. Agenda

11. The agenda of the fifteenth session of the Forum, as contained in document [E/CN.18/2020/1](#), read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
  - (a) Policy dialogue on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2019–2020, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests;
  - (b) Voluntary announcement of voluntary national contributions;
  - (c) United Nations system-wide contributions to the implementation of the global forest goals and targets.
4. Monitoring, assessment and reporting: progress on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including the United Nations forest instrument, and voluntary national contributions.
5. Means of implementation: availability of resources for the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and its priority actions and resource needs for the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2021–2024.
6. Emerging issues and challenges.
7. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
8. High-level segment, including a forest partnership forum with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, non-governmental organizations and private sector chief executive officers.
9. Adoption of the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2021–2024, including consideration of its priority actions and resource needs.
10. Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the Forum.
11. Dates and venue of the sixteenth session of the Forum.
12. Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Forum.
13. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fifteenth session.

## D. Documentation

12. The documentation considered by the Forum at its fifteenth session is set out in annex I to the present report. Other relevant documentation is available from the website of the Forum ([www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html)).

## Annex I

### List of documents

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title</i>
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/1</a>	2	Provisional agenda and annotations
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/2</a>	3 (a) and (b), 6, 8 and 9	Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/3</a>	3 (a) and (c) and 8	Information note on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/4</a>	4	Note by the Secretariat on monitoring, assessment and reporting: progress on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including the United Nations forest instrument, and voluntary national contributions
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/5</a>	5	Note by the Secretariat on means of implementation: availability of resources for the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and its priority actions and resource needs for the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2021–2024
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/6</a>	3	Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including the contributions of the Forum's regional and subregional partners and major groups, as well as involvement of its secretariat in major meetings
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/7</a>	7	Note by the Secretariat on the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/L.1</a>	12	Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/L.2</a>	11	Draft decision on the dates and venue of the sixteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/L.3</a>	13	Draft report of the Forum on its fifteenth session
<a href="#">E/CN.18/2020/L.4</a>	3–6 and 9–10	Omnibus resolution

Other relevant documentation is also available on the Forum website ([www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html)).

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## Annex II

### Correspondence relating to the work of the fifteenth session

26 March 2020	Letter from the Chair on the scaled-down fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
30 April 2020	Letter from the Chair on the modalities of the session and invitation to the members of the Forum and stakeholders who wish to make official statements to be circulated among the members of the Forum to submit such statements to the secretariat of the Forum for posting on the Forum's web page, to be referenced through a link in the official report
24 June 2020	Letter from the Chair on the theme for the International Day of Forests in 2021, "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being"
_ June 2020	Letter from the Chair on the adoption under silence procedure of the draft substantive outcome of the session and other draft procedural decisions

[To be completed following the closure of the session by listing all official correspondence from the Chair on the conduct of the session.]

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