ECOSOC Resolution 2005/29

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session and provisional agenda for its sixth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2000/35 of 18 October 2000,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session;¹

2. *Acknowledges* in particular the need to consider forest issues for the preparation of the input of the Economic and Social Council to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly;

3. *Notes* that the Forum will continue its examination of its methods of work, as per General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, through the implementation of decision 5/2 of the fifth session of the Forum;

4. *Decides* to hold the sixth session of the Forum from 13 to 24 February 2006 in New York;

5. *Also decides* that the Forum, at its sixth session, should consider on the venue and dates of its seventh session;

6. *Further decides* that the Forum, at its sixth session, should ensure the opportunity to receive and consider inputs from representatives of major groups as identified in Agenda 21, and in this regard that the Bureau should provide the opportunity for the major groups as a priority to hold side events during the sixth session of the Forum to permit them to present their points of view on the issues to be addressed during the session;

7. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Forum as set out below:

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

- 1. Election of officers.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
- 3. Implementation of decision 5/2 of the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.
- 4. Date and venue for the seventh session of the Forum.
- 5. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Forum.
- 6. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its sixth session.

¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 22 (E/2005/42).

8. *Calls upon* interested donors to make voluntary financial contributions to the trust fund of the United Nations Forum on Forests in order to facilitate, in particular, travel of representatives from developing countries, with priority to the least developed countries, as well as from countries with economies in transition, taking into account General Assembly decision 58/554 of 23 December 2003.

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