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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Item 4.1 of the Provisional Agenda

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 26 - 30 June 2006

SPECIAL SESSION: IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT: “Progress towards sustainable forest management”

Secretariat Note

1. Intergovernmental processes have agreed to use seven thematic elements as a framework for monitoring, assessing, and reporting on progress towards sustainable forest management (SFM):
 - Extent of forest resources
 - Biological diversity
 - Forest health and vitality
 - Productive functions of forest resources
 - Protective functions of forest resources
 - Socio-economic functions
 - Legal, policy and institutional framework
2. FAO has been systematically collecting information from countries in Latin America and Caribbean to support a preliminary report on progress towards SFM in the region. Information has been collected in consultation with national correspondents for:
 - Forest Resources Assessments
 - Forest Products Yearbook and joint questionnaire
 - Regional Forestry Outlook Studies
3. The main report of the Forest Resources Assessment for 2005 (FRA 2005) was published in February 2006. Updated information is available for several key parameters. Although comprehensive information is not available for all countries, a first approximation can be made of trends in the region. FAO is preparing a comprehensive overview on progress towards SFM in the region which will be presented at the 24th Session of the Latin American

and Caribbean Forestry Commission as a discussion report. In preparing this report, FAO will also draw upon information provided by partners.

4. Delegates will be invited to discuss the report and to validate or modify the findings. A similar process will be used for the other Regional Forestry Commissions. The revised regional reports will be included in the *State of the World's Forests 2007* and presented to the 18th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) in March 2007.