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There is no destructive natural phenomenon surpassing the devastating effects of a forest fire. Nothing in so short a time can convert a vigorously living ecosystem into sadly smoldering rubble. The losses inflicted by the horrible passage of a forest fire affect the living conditions of the generations to come in terms of time and exceed national borders in relation to space.

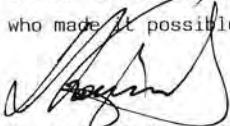
Nevertheless, nowadays the population awareness on the importance of the forest as an indispensable element of health, prosperity, civilization and ecological balance has reached a high level.

In our country the forests, providing industrial raw materials, soil protection, water supplies and recreation opportunities are considered to be one of the most important national assets, subject to special governmental interest and public concern.

It is for these reasons that we welcomed the FAO/ECE/ILO proposition to host the Seminar on "Forest Fire Prevention, Land Use and People". The subject of the seminar, calling for prevention of fires, proper use of the land ^{with} active public participation provided a multitude of additional reasons for studying these crucial issues.

The papers presented at the Seminar and the discussions that followed can lead to practical solutions of current problems pertaining to forest fire confrontation policy. The conclusions, furthermore, will provide a powerful technical document for designing future actions.

This useful publication, as well as the successful organization of the conference, call for special congratulations to all of those who made it possible.-


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