

PREFACE

The country profile on the housing sector of Armenia started with a preparatory mission by the UNECE secretariat in October 2002. The research mission by the international expert team took place in February 2003. The project's expenses were covered by extrabudgetary funds provided by the Governments of the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. The successful conclusion of the project would not have been possible without this generous support.

The previous studies in this series were on: Bulgaria, published in 1996; Poland, published in 1998 (ECE/HBP/107); Slovakia, published in 1999 (ECE/HBP/112); Lithuania, published in 2000 (ECE/HBP/117); Romania, published in 2001 (ECE/HBP/124); the Republic of Moldova, published in 2002 (ECE/HBP/125), and Albania, published in 2003 (ECE/HBP/130).

Other work carried out by the UNECE in Armenia includes a land administration review and an environmental performance review both published in 2001. Three other ongoing UNECE projects related to housing may also provide useful information to Armenia and other countries in transition: (i) the guidelines on condominium ownership of housing for countries in transition (ECE/HBP/123), (ii) the guidelines on housing finance systems for countries in transition (forthcoming), and (iii) the guidelines on social housing (forthcoming).

The country profile on Armenia as well as the other above-mentioned publications are also available on the web site of the Committee on Human Settlements at:

<http://www.unece.org/env/hs/cph/welcome.html>

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