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**Draft decisions for the sixty-eighth session
of the Economic Commission for Europe**

Subject to its approval EXCOM is invited to submit the below draft decisions to the sixty-eighth session of the Commission for consideration under agenda item 6 “Other issues calling for decision by the Commission.” Additional draft decision items will be presented to EXCOM once endorsed by Sectoral Committees. As appropriate, decisions taken by the Commission will be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council for its attention or decision, respectively.

Other issues calling for decision by the Commission

1. Revised terms of reference and change of name of the Working Group on Ageing

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe,

Noting the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration “A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the potential of living longer” that acknowledged the need to explore the possibility of a resource-neutral transformation of the Working Group on Ageing to further support the intergovernmental collaboration in the field of population ageing;

Noting United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/144 that recommends consideration of expanding the role of the regional commissions on ageing issues;

Further noting the decision of the Executive Committee (E/EX/2019L.1) to approve the revised Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Ageing

1. Decides to change the name of the Working Group on Ageing to “Standing Working Group on Ageing”; and
2. Adopts the revised terms of reference of the Standing Working Group on Ageing as contained in E/EX/2019/L.1.

2. Change of name of subprogramme 7

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe,

Noting its Decision A (65) paragraph 20 (b) on changing the name of the Timber Committee to “Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry” to better reflect the scope of its work and noting also the endorsement by the Executive Committee of the proposal to align the name of subprogramme 7 with the name of the Committee (ECE/EX/2019, L.2),

1. Decides to change the name of subprogramme 7 from “Forestry and Timber” to “Forests and Forest Industry”;

3. Framework guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe,

Recommends that the ECE's Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings and their derivative High-Performance Buildings Initiative be deployed and disseminated widely, specifically drawing on the capacities of the five Regional Commissions of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme.

4. International Year of Methane

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe,

Recommends to the United Nations Economic and Social Council that recognizing the role that growing atmospheric concentrations of methane play in climate change and the imperative for near-term remediation, 2020 be declared the International Year of Methane in support of the Global Methane Challenge and its partner organizations.

5 Water convention

(See provisional agenda item 5 and informal document 2019/3)
