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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-third session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 24 September 2012

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The provisional agenda is based on decisions taken by the Committee at its seventy-second session (ECE/HBP/167) and on progress made since then in implementing the programme of work 2012-2013 (ECE/HBP/2011/1). The provisional agenda, which was approved by the Committee Bureau at its meeting in April 2012, is presented to the Committee for approval.

2. Matters arising from the UNECE review

2. The Committee will be informed about the status of the UNECE review and any developments which have a bearing on the work of the Committee. It will be invited to take these into account when reviewing the implementation of the programme of work (under item 7 of the provisional agenda).

3. Work of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management

3. The Chair of the Committee Bureau will report on the Bureau's work and the main decisions taken since the previous session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/2012/1).

4. The Committee may wish to take note of this information and approve the work of the Bureau.

5. At its meeting on 2-3 July 2012 in Geneva, the Bureau requested the secretariat to prepare an overview document on the Housing and Land Management Trust Fund (Informal notice 1) and to present it under this agenda item.

6. Delegations are invited to announce their contributions to the Trust Fund for particular programme activities and to discuss further potential sources of funds and fundraising opportunities.

4. Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing in the UNECE region

7. In September 2010, the Committee established a Working Group to explore the potential added value of a possible legally binding instrument addressing housing issues¹. In 2011 the Working Group met twice to discuss the social, health, economic and environmental challenges related to the housing sector in the UNECE region. At its seventy-second session, in October 2011 the Committee decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group "to continue its work in 2012 to develop the scope (subject and geographical coverage), and objective(s) of a possible framework convention on sustainable housing"² in the UNECE region. The Working Group met in April 2012. In addition to the report of the meeting (ECE/HBP/AC.1/2012/2), the Working Group requested a document summarizing the discussions on a possible framework convention on housing in the UNECE region to be presented to the Committee at its seventy-third session (ECE/HBP/2012/2).

¹ Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-first session.

² Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-second session.

8. The Committee will be briefed on the concept of Framework Convention.
9. The Chair of the Committee will present the findings and recommendations of the Working Group. The Committee will be invited to:
 - (a) Consider the outcome of the work of the Working Group and decide on whether to develop a framework convention on sustainable housing³;
 - (b) Recommend further steps for action.

5. Strategy and Targets 2014-2020

10. At its meeting in April 2012, the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management considered the development of a Strategy and targets to be adopted at the Ministerial meeting in 2013. The Chair of the Committee will present the draft Strategy document (ECE/HBP/2012/3).
11. The Committee will be invited to:
 - (a) Discuss the document and propose additional elements, if any;
 - (b) Advise on further steps, including, if necessary, to further develop the document in order to present it for adoption at the Ministerial meeting in 2013.

6. Ministerial meeting 2013

12. At its seventy-second session the Committee agreed to hold a high-level Ministerial meeting in conjunction with its seventy-fourth session (in 2013) to assess progress in implementing UNECE housing instruments and to define future policy directions of its work. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a draft indicative programme of the Ministerial meeting to be considered at the seventy-third session. It further invited member States to consider hosting the Ministerial meeting. The Chair of the Committee will present the annotated provisional agenda for the Ministerial meeting (ECE/HBP/2012/4) as approved by the Bureau and inform on the hosting of the event.
9. The Committee is invited to:
 - (a) Discuss the provisional agenda for the Ministerial meeting and propose additional elements, if any;
 - (b) Adopt the provisional agenda for the Ministerial meeting.

7. Implementation of the programme of work for 2012-2013

13. The Committee will review the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the period 2012-2013 agreed upon at its seventy-second session (ECE/HBP/2011/1).
14. The Committee will be presented with a document prepared by the secretariat (ECE/HBP/2012/5) presenting the proposals from the Bureau to adjust some of the elements of the programme of work to better reflect the issues addressed. The Committee will be invited to approve this document. Such changes will be taken into consideration when drafting the documents for the seventy-fourth session.

(a) Country profiles on the housing sector

15. The Committee will be provided with updates on the status of the country profiles on the housing and/or land management.

³ This decision will be subject to the endorsement of the Executive Committee of ECE.

16. At its meeting in April the Bureau discussed the need to review the methodology of the country profiles to make them even more efficient and to be able to prepare action plans based on the actual implementation of their recommendations. The Bureau requested the secretariat to prepare an outline (Informal notice 2) of a study to review the methodology used in preparing country profiles. A consultant will present this outline to the Committee and inform the meeting about the preliminary outcomes of the review. The Committee is invited to comment on the outline and discuss the development of the study, which will be presented at the seventy-fourth session.

17. **Azerbaijan.** The delegation of Azerbaijan will report on progress made in implementing the recommendations contained in the country profile (ECE/HBP/156).

18. **Kyrgyzstan.** The delegation of Kyrgyzstan will report on the launching event and progress made in implementing the recommendations contained in the country profile (ECE/HBP/157).

19. **Republic of Moldova.** The Committee will be informed about steps undertaken for the development of the country profile of the Republic of Moldova.

20. **Russian Federation.** The Committee will be informed about steps undertaken for the development of the country profile of the Russian Federation.

21. **Tajikistan.** The delegation of Tajikistan will report on the launching event and progress made in implementing the recommendations contained in the country profile (ECE/HBP/163).

22. **Ukraine.** The delegation of Ukraine will provide information on the fact-finding mission held in 2012 to develop Ukraine's country profile.

23. Delegations of all member States are invited to inform the Committee if they are interested in having a review conducted for their country.

24. The Committee may wish to:

(a) Decide on the outline and the development of a study containing guidelines on the methodology of the country profiles;

(b) Discuss the impact of the country profiles programme on the countries;

(c) Take note of the information provided and decide on the next country to be reviewed.

(b) Improvement of urban environmental performance⁴

25. At its seventieth session, the Committee agreed to include climate neutrality under this item of the programme of work, and to study the means and tools for adapting to and mitigating climate change in cities. At its next session, it agreed on the extended outline of the study and asked the secretariat to prepare the study and recommendations and present the text at the seventy-second session. The draft study "Climate Neutral Cities: How to make cities less energy and carbon intensive and more resilient to climatic challenges" was adopted at that session. The secretariat issued the study as a UNECE publication (ECE/HBP/168). The Committee will be informed about the event to be held to launch the study.

26. The Committee will be presented with a proposal of the Working Party on Land Administration for a study on informal settlements (Informal notice 3) as a follow-up to the publication "Self-Made Cities" (ECE/HBP/155).

⁴ The new title proposed for this area of work by the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management is "Sustainable urban development".

27. The Committee will be informed about the Conference of International Association of Capitals and Megacities, which took place in Moscow on 20 and 21 December 2011. Two presentations were made on UNECE activities.

28. The Committee will be informed about a workshop on Compact City Policies, which took place on 14 June 2012. The workshop was organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in partnership with UNECE, the World Bank (WB) and the Institut d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme de la Région d'Île-de-France (IAU-ÎDF). Possible cooperation with OECD and other partners in this area will be discussed.

29. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the information provided and discuss the future implementation of the study "Climate Neutral Cities: How to make cities less energy and carbon intensive and more resilient to climatic challenges" (ECE/HBP/168);

(b) Consider drawing up a draft study on informal settlements;

(c) Suggest proposals for new initiatives under this area of work.

(c) Land registration and land markets⁵

Land administration and management

30. The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on the activities carried out since the latest session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/2012/6) and on the programme of work for 2012–2013, including on the upcoming workshops.

31. On the basis of progress made by the Working Party, the Committee may wish to provide inputs and advice on future activities.

32. The Chair of the Working Party will present the Status of the Survey on Benchmarking of Land Administration Systems (Informal notice 4). The Committee is invited to take note of the status of the survey.

Real estate markets

33. The Chair of the Real Estate Market (REM) Advisory Group will inform the Committee about the work undertaken since the seventy-second session, as well as about planned activities for 2012-2013, including:

(a) National round tables on real estate markets (ECE/HBP/2012/7);

(b) Promotion of the *Policy Framework* at international real estate events (Informal notice 5);

(c) A draft study on real estate property and market risk evaluation for real estate backed financial products (Informal notice 6).

34. The Committee may wish to:

(a) Consider and endorse the draft study on real estate property and market risk evaluation for real estate backed financial products;

(b) Provide inputs and advice on future activities of the Advisory Group.

⁵ The new title proposed for this area of work by the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management is "Land administration and management".

(d) **Housing modernization and management**⁶

Green Homes

35. The Committee will be informed that the publication “Green Homes” (ECE/HBP/159/Rev.1) has been reprinted in English and Russian.

Action Plan for Energy-efficient Housing

36. **Montenegro.** Based on the recommendations of the UNECE Action Plan for Energy-efficient Housing (ECE/HBP/164), a “National Action Plan of Montenegro for Energy Efficiency Measures in the Residential Sector” was prepared. The Committee will be presented with the main outcomes of this study.

37. Delegations of member States are invited to inform the Committee if they are interested in having a national Action Plan prepared for their country.

Good Practices in Energy-efficient Housing

38. The Bureau of the Committee discussed the development of a publication on “Good practices for Energy-efficient housing in the UNECE region” (Informal notice 7) and requested the secretariat to prepare an outline to be approved at the seventy-third session.

39. The Committee is invited to take note of the information presented and decide on the development of the draft of the publication “Good practices for Energy-efficient housing in the UNECE region”.

Training activities

40. The Committee will be informed about the main outcomes of the regional training workshop on sustainable buildings and energy efficient housing for Central Asia. The workshop took place in Kyrgyzstan as a part of the Third International Sustainable Energy Forum.

41. The Committee will also be informed about the preparation of national training workshops on affordable and energy-efficient housing to be held in Albania, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan as well as a national round table on energy efficiency in the Russian Federation.

42. The Committee is invited to take note of the information presented and provide advice and guidance on possible future activities, including on:

(a) Implementation of the Action Plan for Energy-efficient Housing in the UNECE Region;

(b) Capacity-building activities.

8. Biennial Performance Assessment for 2010-2011 and Strategic Framework for 2014-2015

43. The biennial performance assessment for 2010-2011 (ECE/HBP/2012/8) will be presented to the Committee for endorsement.

44. The secretariat will also inform the delegations on the draft Strategic Framework for the period 2014-2015 (ECE/HBP/2012/9).

⁶ The new title proposed for this area of work by the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management is “Sustainable housing and real estate markets”.

9. Information on outcomes of global meetings

45. In 2012, information about the work of the Committee was presented at several global events such as UN Habitat World Urban Forum and the Rio +20 conference.

46. The Committee will be informed about the outcomes (Informal notice 8) of these events.

10. Inter-divisional and inter-agency activities

47. In line with the request of UNECE and with general United Nations advice on cooperation between agencies, the Committee and the secretariat carried out a number of activities in cooperation with other UNECE programmes and other United Nations agencies as well as other international organizations. The Committee will be informed about cooperation on different projects, publications and events with partners in the area of energy efficiency, green economy, disaster preparedness, land management, real estate markets, etc. (Informal notice 9).

48. The Committee will take note of the information provided.

49. The Committee may wish to advise on how to further cooperate with these and other key agencies and/or UNECE divisions and units.

11. Other business

50. Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.

12. Election of the Bureau

51. The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-fourth session.

13. Closing of the session

52. The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. After the session, the Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will prepare the report of the session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
Monday, 24 September	10.00 – 10.10	1	Adoption of the agenda
	10.10 – 10.20	2	Matters arising from the UNECE review
	10.20 – 10.50	3	Work of the Bureau of the Committee
	10.50 – 13.00	4	Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing in the UNECE region
	15.00 – 16.30	5	Strategy and Targets 2014-2020
	16.30 – 18.00	6	Ministerial meeting 2013

Tuesday, 25 September	10.00 – 17.40	7	Implementation of the programme of work for 2012-2013
	10.20 – 11.50	7(a)	Country profiles
	11.50 – 12.40	7(b)	Improvement of urban environmental performance
	12.40 – 13.00	7(c)	Land registration and land markets
	15.00 – 16.10	7(c)	(cont'd)
	16.10 – 17.40	7(d)	Housing modernization and management
	17.40 – 18.00	8	Biennial performance assessment for 2010-2011 and Strategic Framework for 2014-2015
Wednesday, 26 September	10.00 – 10.30	9	Information on outcomes of global meetings
	10.30 – 11.30	10	Inter-divisional and inter-agency activities
	11.30 – 12.00	11	Other business
	12.00 – 12.30	12	Election of the Bureau
	12.30 – 13.00	13	Closing of the session
