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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-sixth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, room XII,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 14 December 2015

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II. Annotations

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The provisional agenda is based on decisions taken by the Committee at its seventy-fifth session (ECE/HBP/179)¹ and on progress made since then in implementing the 2014-2015 programme of work (ECE/HBP/2013/10)². The provisional agenda, which was approved by the Committee Bureau at its meeting on 6 June 2015, is presented to the Committee for adoption.

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

2. The Chair will report on the Bureau's work and the main decisions taken since the seventy-fifth session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/2015/1). The Committee is invited to take note of this information.

3. Information on the outcomes of the United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda

3. The secretariat will inform on the outcomes of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda. The Summit was held from 25 to 27 September 2015 in New York, and was convened as a High-Level Plenary meeting of the General Assembly. It adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the sustainable development goals. The Committee is invited to take note of this information.

4. Implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the UNECE Strategy on Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020

4. The UNECE Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management (Geneva, October 2013) has adopted the UNECE Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3)³. The Committee on Housing and Land Management, at its seventy-fifth session in October 2014, agreed on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing as a non-legally-binding document (ECE/HBP/2014/2)⁴. The Charter was further endorsed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on 16 April 2015 (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1)⁵. The Committee secretariat developed recommendations for the implementation of the Charter (Informal Note 1), which will be presented at the session. The Committee will be invited to take note of the recommendations. Representatives of UNECE governments will further inform on the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter in their countries.

¹ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_179.en.pdf

² http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2013/ECE_HBP_2013_10.pdf

³ <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/sust.hsng.strategy.pdf>

⁴ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_2014_2.pdf

⁵ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/2015/E_ECE_1478_rev1_en.pdf

5. Preparation for the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - HABITAT III

5. The Committee session will be informed on preparations for HABITAT III, including the organization of the high-level preparatory conference for the UNECE region, “European Habitat”, in Prague (Informal Note 2), and the drafting of a regional report on housing and urban development for the UNECE region (Informal Note 3). The Czech Republic will present a draft outcome document for the conference (Informal Note 4). Representatives of member States will report on the preparations for the “European Habitat” and HABITAT III conferences at national and local levels. The Committee will be invited to endorse the draft regional report and the draft outcome document.

6. Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015

(a) Sustainable housing and real estate markets

(i) *Towards affordable and social housing*

6. In September 2015, the Committee published its study on “Social housing in the UNECE region: models, trends and challenges” (ECE/HBP/NONE/2015/3).⁶ The meeting participants will discuss the key conclusions of the study and will propose possible future activities on affordable social housing to be implemented by the Committee.

(ii) *Thematic discussion on energy efficiency in buildings*

7. The seventy-fifth session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management in October 2014 endorsed a proposal by the Committee Bureau for the establishment of an informal expert group to develop building standards (ECE/HBP/2014/4)⁷. The Committee on Housing and Land Management and the Committee on Sustainable Energy conducted a survey of member States and prepared a report on “Building standards and building regulations in the UNECE region” (Informal Note 5). The secretariats of the two committees organized an Expert Consultation on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings which took place in Geneva on 20 and 21 April 2015. The Committee is invited to discuss conclusions and recommendations of the expert consultation meeting (ECE/HBP/2015/2) and to endorse the recommendations made by the experts for the future activities of the Committee on energy efficiency standards in buildings, including the establishment of the Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.

(iii) *Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group*

8. The Committee, at its seventy-fifth session in October 2014, approved the terms of reference of the Advisory Group (ECE/HBP/2014/5)⁸ for 2015-2016. In November 2014, the UNECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) approved the renewal of the mandate and the revised terms of reference of the Advisory Group until 31 December 2016 (ECE/EX/2014/L.26). At its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Advisory Group elaborated a draft programme of work for 2015-2016, and the Committee Bureau agreed on the text. The Committee is invited to adopt the Advisory Group’s programme of work for the period 2015-2016 (ECE/HBP/2015/3); to recommend to the UNECE EXCOM to extend the

⁶ <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=40586>

⁷ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_2014_4.en.pdf

⁸ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_2014_5.en.pdf

Advisory Group mandate until end of 2017; and to provide input and advice on its future activities.

(b) Sustainable urban development

9. The Committee will be informed on the implementation of activities on smart cities (Informal Note 6). The secretariat will present further information regarding the United Smart City project⁹, smart city indicators and recommendations for the development of smart city standards (ECE/HBP/2015/4). The Committee is invited to review and endorse the indicators and the recommendations of the secretariat for future actions under the United Smart City project.

(c) Land administration and management

10. The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on the activities carried out by the Working Party since the last session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/7)¹⁰ and present the Working Party programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/HBP/2015/5). The Working Party secretariat will also inform on the preparation of the Technical Guidelines on Informal Settlements in the ECE Region (Informal Note 7). The Committee is invited to take note of the information on the Working Party's ongoing activities and to adopt its programme of work.

(d) Country profiles on housing and land management

11. At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee approved guidelines for the preparation of country profiles on housing and land management (ECE/HBP/2013/8)¹¹. The Committee will be presented with the updated guidelines (ECE/HBP/2015/6). The Committee will be further provided with updates on the status of the country profiles on housing and land management.

12. In particular, the Committee will be informed of the:

- Key outcomes and policy recommendations in the country profile on housing and land management of the Republic of Moldova (ECE/HBP/181)
- Key outcomes and policy recommendations in the country profile on housing and land management of Uzbekistan (Informal Note 8)
- Preliminary conclusions of the draft country profile on housing and land management of Armenia.

13. Delegations of member States will inform the Committee if they are interested in having a country profile prepared for their country.

14. The Committee is invited to:

- Discuss the impact of country profiles on countries, and mechanisms to monitor the implementation of their recommendations
- Approve the updated Guidelines for the preparation of the UNECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management
- Endorse the key outcomes and policy recommendations of the country profiles of the Republic of Moldova and of Uzbekistan

⁹ <http://www.unece.org/housing/smartcities.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.7.en.pdf>

¹¹ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2013/ECE_HBP_2013_8.pdf

- Take note of the information provided on the preparation of the Armenia country profile
- Decide on the next countries to be reviewed, and
- Propose financial or in-kind expert contributions to the next country profiles.

7. Status of the Trust Fund on Human Settlements

15. The secretariat will report on the status of the Trust Fund on Human Settlements. Delegations will be invited to announce their voluntary contributions and in-kind support. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided.

8. Adoption of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2016-2017

16. The secretariat will present the draft programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/HBP/2015/7). The Committee is invited to adopt the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land and Population subprogramme 2016-2017.

9. Strategic framework for the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2018-2019

17. The secretariat will present the draft Strategic Framework 2018-2019 for the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (ECE/HBP/2015/8), which was endorsed by the Committee Bureau. The Committee is invited to adopt the Strategic Framework as endorsed by the Bureau.

10. Election of the Bureau

18. The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-seventh session.

11. Other business

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

12. Adoption of the report and closing of the session

20. The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee is invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will propose a date for the organization of the next Committee session; the Committee will decide on the date of its Committee session. The Chair will close the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>		
Monday, 14 December	10:00 – 10:30	1	Opening and adoption of the agenda	
	10:30 – 10:40	2	Work of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management	
	10:40 – 11:00	3	Information on the outcomes of the United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda	
	11:00 – 12:00	4	Implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the UNECE Strategy on Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020	
	12:00 – 13:00	5	Preparation for the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development- HABITAT III	
			Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015	
Tuesday, 15 December	15:00-18:00	6 (a)	Sustainable housing and real estate markets	
	10:00-12:00	6 (b)	Sustainable urban development	
	12:00-13:00	6 (c)	Land administration and management	
	15:00-16:00	6 (d)	Country profiles on housing and land management	
	16:00-16:40	7	Status of the Trust Fund on Human Settlements	
	16:40-17:10	8	Adoption of the Committee's programme of work of the subprogramme for 2016-2017	
	17:10-17:20	9	Strategic framework of the subprogramme 2018-2019	
	17:20-17:40	10	Election of the Bureau	
	17:40-17:50	11	Other business	
	17:50-18:00	12	Adoption of the report and closing of the session	