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Committee on Housing and Land Management

Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing in the UNECE region

Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda
Seventy-third session

Geneva

24-26 September 2012





April 2012

Third meeting of the WG

The Working Group:

- recognized the added value of a framework convention on sustainable housing as a possible instrument to address housing issues in the UNECE region and recommended to the Committee on Housing and Land Management to consider its development favourably





December 2009

The Bureau of the CHLM

- The Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management suggested the development of a convention on housing and was of an opinion that this would:
 - provide countries with an effective tool for making the housing sector sustainable.
 - further support the application of existing UNECE housing tools, such as the social housing guidelines, housing finance principles and the draft Action Plan on Energy-efficient Housing





September 2011

Seventy-First Session of CHLM

- The Committee on Housing and Land Management:
 - Established a Working Group to explore the potential added value of a possible legally binding instrument on affordable, healthy and ecological housing





April and July 2011

First and Second Meeting of the WG

- The Working Group requested the Committee to:
 - Extend the mandate in 2012 to define the scope and objective(s) of a possible framework convention on sustainable housing
 - Invite the participation of legal experts
 - Change the current name of the Working Group to “Working Group on a Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing”





October 2011

Seventy-Second Session of CHLM

- The Committee on Housing and Land Management endorsed the requests of the Working Group and:
 - Invited legal experts to participate in its meetings
 - Changed its name to Working Group on a Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing
 - And extended its mandate in 2012 in order to: “develop the scope (subject and geographical coverage), and objective(s) of a possible framework convention on sustainable housing”





April 2012

Third Meeting of the WG

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- The Working Group considers that such a framework convention should provide member States with guiding principles and therefore:
 - Agrees that a possible framework convention on housing could have the following scope: to improve the sustainability of housing in the UNECE region through effective policies and actions at all levels, supported by international cooperation and with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the region
 - Recommends to the Committee on Housing and Land Management to consider the informal note on objectives and scope of a possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing when deciding on its possible development





September 2012

Seventy-third session of the CHLM

- At this session, the Committee is expected to consider the conclusions of the Working Group and to consider agreeing to negotiate a possible framework convention on sustainable housing.





April 2012

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