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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eightieth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Wednesday, 2 October 2019 in room XII

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1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/194) (ECE/HBP/2017/7)

The provisional agenda is based on the decisions taken by the Committee at its seventyninth session and on progress made since then in implementing the 2018-2019 programme of work. The agenda, which was prepared in consultation with the Committee Bureau, is presented to the Committee for adoption.

2. Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2018-2019

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/1)

Under this agenda item the meeting will discuss progress made in addressing housing and urban challenges in the ECE region and fulfilling the commitments undertaken since the endorsement of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1) and the Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development (ECE/HBP/2017/1). The Chairs of the Committee, the Working Party on Land Administration and the Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) will present their reports on the implementation of the respective programmes of work since the seventyninth session of the Committee, and provide information on the progress towards the alignment of the Committee, the Working Party and the Advisory Group's activities with the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda, the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Ministerial Declaration.

(a) Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/194), (ECE/HBP/2019/1), (ECE/HBP/2019/2),
(ECE/HBP/2019/ Inf.1)

The Committee, at its seventyninth session held in October 2018, took note of the preparation of the guidelines for evidence-based housing and urban development policies as part of the ECE-UN-Habitat joint project "Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition" (UN Development Account 10th tranche). Further, the Committee invited the Bureau to present the guidelines for the Committee's endorsement at its eightieth session.

Representatives of Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine - the countries where the project was implemented - will inform about the application of the guidelines for the development of evidence-based housing and urban development policies in their respective countries.

The Committee is invited to take note of the implementation of activities of the UNDA project and to endorse the guidelines.

(a) Sustainable housing and real estate markets

- (i) *Panel discussion on “Ensuring access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all”*

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/194), (ECE/HBP/2019/Inf. 2), (ECE/HBP/2019/Inf. 3),
 (ECE/HBP/2019/Inf. 4), ECE/HBP/197

The Committee at its seventy-ninth session formulated recommendations for the future implementation of the Charter by member States, including possible activities to be implemented by the Charter Centres of Excellence. The Committee also requested the secretariat to conduct a survey of member States to identify their needs and priorities for capacity-building activities (ECE/HBP/194 paragraph 17).

Following the Committee's recommendations for the activities to support the implementation of the Charter, relevant international conferences and workshops on housing policies were organized in: Sofia, Bulgaria (15-16 November 2018); Prague, Czech Republic (21-22 June 2019); Lyon, France (7 June 2019); and Glasgow, the UK (12-13 September 2019). A survey to identify the needs and priorities of member States for capacity-building activities in housing policies was conducted.

A panel discussion will include presentations on the outcomes of the international events and the studies mentioned above. The Committee will be also informed on activities of the existing Charter Centres and on the possible establishment of new Centres.

The Committee will be invited to take note of the information provided and to agree on possible follow-up activities.

- (i) *Energy efficiency in buildings*

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/1), (ECE/HBP/198)

At its seventy-sixth session, the Committee established the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings with the Committee on Sustainable Energy, and with the participation of experts from other ECE bodies and international partner organizations (ECE/HBP/2015/2) for the period 2016-17 (ECE/HBP/184, para 38). The terms of reference of the Task Force are contained in Annex to ECE/ENERGY/2017/5-ECE/ENERGY/GE.6/2017/7. In 2017, the Joint Task Force developed the project “Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings”, which received financial support from the Governments of Denmark and the Russian Federation.

At its twenty-sixth session in September 2017, the Committee on Sustainable Energy renewed the mandate of the Joint Task Force for 2018-2019 based on the same terms of reference. The Committee on Housing and Land Management expressed its support to the activities on energy efficiency standards in buildings under the project and decided to continue the Committee's participation in the work of the Joint Task Force and renewed its mandate for the period 2018-2019 based on the same terms of reference.

The project supported by the Governments of Denmark and the Russian Federation was finalised in spring 2019. A series of capacity-building events on energy efficiency standards in buildings were organized jointly with the Sustainable Energy Division in 2019 with the support of the ECE Regional Programme for Technical Cooperation (RPTC). The following studies were developed: “Mapping of Energy Efficiency Standards and Initial Assessment of Energy Efficiency Technologies in Buildings in the UNECE Region”; “Mapping of Existing Technologies to Enhance Energy Efficiency in Buildings in the UNECE Region”; and “Compendium of best practices on standards and technologies for energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region”. Based on the experience gained during the implementation of the project, the Joint Task Force members formulated proposals for future capacity-building activities. The ECE secretariat formulated a project proposal for funding based on the recommendations by the Joint Task Force.

Delegates will be informed about the outcomes of the work of the Joint Task Force since the Committee's seventy-ninth session, including on the preparation of the publication

“Guidelines on the Management and Ownership of Condominium Housing”, the studies “Mapping of Energy Efficiency Standards and Initial Assessment of Energy Efficiency Technologies in Buildings in the UNECE Region”; “Mapping of Existing Technologies to Enhance Energy Efficiency in Buildings in the UNECE Region”; and “Compendium of best practices on standards and technologies for energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region”; on the development of a training curriculum on the management of multi-apartment buildings and energy efficiency in buildings; and on the organization of capacity-building activities on the same topics.

The mandate of the Joint Task Force is expected to be extended by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its twenty-eighth session in September 2019, based on the terms of references available in the Annex to ECE/ENERGY/2019/10.

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and to consider continuing the Committee’s participation in the work of the Joint Task Force for the period 2020-2021, based on the Terms of Reference adopted by the Committee on Sustainable Energy.

(ii) Fire safety standards in buildings

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/1), (ECE/HBP/2019/Inf. 5)

At the Committee’s seventy-ninth session, delegates were informed about the establishment of the International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) Coalition and the development of a new, high-level international standard on fire safety for buildings. The new standard aims to provide greater clarity and global consistency in the application of fire safety to buildings at the project, national, regional and international level. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) serves as a secretariat to the Coalition for the development of the standard. Following a presentation on the development of the standard by the RICS representative at the seventy-ninth session, the Committee invited the Bureau to assess the feasibility of adopting the IFSS Coalition standard as an ECE standard.

At its meeting on 20 March 2019, the Committee Bureau was informed on progress made in the development of the standard and considered it important and relevant to the work of the Committee. Given that the Coalition is still developing the standard, the Bureau recommended to invite RICS representative to report to the eightieth Committee session. A representative of the RICS will attend the Committee session and brief the meeting accordingly.

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and to recommend submitting the standard, upon its finalisation, to the Committee for its consideration and possible adoption as an ECE standard.

(iii) Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2018/L.2), (ECE/HBP/2018/L.3), (ECE/HBP/2019/Inf. 4)

The Committee at its seventy-ninth session endorsed the new terms of reference of the Advisory Group until 2020, adopted its programme of work 2019-2020 and entrusted the Bureau with overseeing the implementation of the Advisory Group’s programme of work. In March 2018, the ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) approved the renewal of the mandate and the programme of work of the Advisory Group, as endorsed by the Committee.

The Committee will be presented with a report on activities of the Advisory Group since the seventy-ninth Committee session, including an update on the study on “Sharing Housing in the ECE Region”.

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and discuss activities expected in 2020 and make further recommendations.

(b) Sustainable urban development and smart sustainable cities

(i) Matters arising from the sixty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Day of Cities

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/3)

The ECE held its sixty-eighth Commission Session with the overall theme “Smart Sustainable Cities: Drivers for Sustainable Development” on 9 and 10 April 2019.

The Session was preceded by the Day of Cities on 8 April 2019 that brought together over 400 registered participants, over 50 Mayors and deputy Mayors from 33 countries of the ECE region. During two roundtables, Mayors and deputy Mayors shared experiences, challenges and achievements in making their cities smarter and more sustainable. The discussion highlighted that to meet the targets for urban-related SDGs, more opportunities and more direct engagement by local governments is needed at the international level and welcomed the Day of Cities as one such notable initiative.

The sixty-eighth Commission Session focused on the impact of ECE’s work, its specialized and demand-driven technical assistance to countries, and its role in facilitating the exchange of expertise and best practices to help address a series of core sustainability challenges in the region. In the high-level segment, member States explored how to harness smart sustainable cities as drivers for sustainable development in the ECE region – with it being among the most urbanized regions in the world. At the Commission session, the Russian Federation supported the continuation of city-related work. In this regard, the Russian Federation proposed that ECE should continue its support to the work of cities and local authorities to further facilitate the exchange of experience and discuss solutions to address challenges to achieve the SDGs in urban areas and requested that the Committee on Housing and Land Management explore the possibility of establishing a forum of Mayors (E/ECE/1488 paragraph 28).

The Committee Bureau at its meeting on 6 June 2019 discussed outcomes of the Commission session and of the Day of Cities and recommended the Committee to consider establishing a forum of Mayors in 2020 and 2021 as part of the Committee on Housing and Land Management, and a Steering Committee to support the work of the Forum of Mayors.

The Committee will consider a document, which provides an overview of the discussions at the Day of Cities, feedback from the participants, and the recommendations by the Committee Bureau.

The Committee will be invited to deliberate on how the Committee could strengthen its support to the cities to enhance their potentials and develop solutions to achieve the SDGs at the city level, including through the establishment of the Forum of Mayors as part of the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

The session will also feature interventions of some Mayors on selected topics and initiatives.

(ii) Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) programme

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/1), (ECE/HBP/2019/4), (ECE/HBP/2019/5),
 (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf.6), (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf.7),
 (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf.8), (ECE/HBP/199)

The Committee, at its seventy-seventh session in September 2016, endorsed the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Smart Sustainable Cities (SSC). At its seventy-ninth session, the Committee approved the publications prepared under the U4SSC.

The secretariat will report to the Committee on activities under U4SSC since the seventy-ninth Committee session. Final versions of the U4SSC documents, “Guidelines on strategies for circular cities” and “Guidelines on tools and mechanisms to finance smart sustainable cities” will be presented to the attention of the delegates. The Committee will be informed on the publication of the Smart Sustainable Cities Profile - Voznesensk, Ukraine, which was prepared jointly with the city of Voznesensk and UNDP Office in Ukraine, and the side event held during the ECE Day of Cities, which was organized by the ECE, ITU and UN-Habitat and related outcomes and recommendations.

Further, the Committee will be informed on the new projects to be implemented by the ECE under the U4SSC Initiative, including the UN Development Account 12th tranche project “Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the ECE Region” and “The Netherlands - Smart Nation” project.

The meeting will be also informed about the update of the Terms of Reference of the U4SSC and efforts by the ITU, UN-Habitat and UN University to update the KPIs.

The Committee is invited to take note of the activities under the U4SSC Initiative and to endorse the:

- (i) Revised Terms of References of the U4SSC;
- (ii) Policy recommendations of the Smart Sustainable Cities Profile - Voznesensk.

The Committee is also invited to reiterate the invitation to national and local governments to use the indicators for the city evaluation.

(c) Land administration and management

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/6), (ECE/HBP/2019/7), (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf. 9), (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf. 10), (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf.11), (ECE/HBP/196)

The Working Party on Land Administration at its eleventh session (Geneva, 27-28 February 2019) endorsed its draft terms of reference for the period 2021-2025 and the programme of work for 2020-2021. The Working Party also discussed the implementation of activities for 2019 to be presented to the eightieth session of the Committee in 2019.

The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on activities carried out by the Working Party since the last session of the Committee. The Chair will inform delegates on the preparation of the land administration review for Belarus as a part of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management; and of the outcomes of two Working Party workshops and a side event to the Working Party eleventh session:

- (i) The joint conference of the Working Party, the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG), Athens (7 and 8 November 2018)
- (ii) The Cadastre - A Sustainable basis for property registration and investments as part of the international workshop "My City, My Home, My Business", Sofia (15 November 2018)
- (iii) Side event to the Working Party on Land Administration eleventh session on "Measuring Progress in the Implementation of SDGs, the Role of Data and Statistics in Monitoring Land Administration and Management" (28 February 2019).

Further, the secretariat will inform on the progress made in the preparation of the following studies:

- (i) "Guidelines for the formalization of informal constructions: Informal Development in UNECE Region"
- (ii) "Land Consolidation: Legal Framework"
- (iii) "Survey on costs for registration/transfer of real estate and registration of mortgages for the ECE region"
- (iv) "Fraud in Land Administration Systems"
- (v) "Future Scenarios in Land Administration".

The Committee is invited to:

- (i) Take note of the information provided;
- (ii) Agree on the extension of the Working Party mandate for the period 2021-2025, approve the draft revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party and transmit it to the ECE Executive Committee for final approval;
- (iii) Review and adopt the programme of work of the Working Party and transmit it to the ECE Executive Committee for final approval.

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(d) Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/1), (ECE/HBP/195)

The key recommendations of the Country Profile of Belarus were endorsed by the Committee at its seventy-ninth session in October 2018. A peer-review meeting of the Country Profile chapters was organized in January 2019. In May 2019, a presentation of the Country Profile key conclusions and policy recommendations was held in Minsk where national and local stakeholders provided their comments. The Country Profile will be presented at the Committee session.

Delegations of those member States where the Country Profile studies were conducted over the last five years, namely, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova and Uzbekistan will report on the implementation of the country profiles' policy recommendations.

New requests for the Country Profiles will be considered by the Committee.

Member States and other organizations are invited to provide financial or in-kind expert contributions to the next country profiles.

3. Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

The UNECE Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management (Geneva, October 2013) has adopted the ECE Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3). 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). The Charter was further endorsed by the ECE on 16 April 2015 (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1). The Committee at its seventy-eighth session (Geneva, October 2017) held the Committee session Ministerial Segment during which Ministers and heads of delegation adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development (ECE/HBP/2017/1).

The Bureau at its meeting on 6 June 2019 recommended to the Committee to consider organising a Ministerial Meeting either in 2020 or 2021 to review the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing, the ECE Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020 and the Ministerial Declaration.

The Committee is invited to agree on convening the Ministerial Meeting, identify a suitable date for it, and to identify priority issues to be addressed at the meeting.

4. Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/8)

The Committee at its seventy-ninth session was informed of recent developments regarding the preparation of the United Nations budget and, specifically, on the change from a biannual to an annual budget period, beginning with the programme budget for 2020. The Committee will be presented with a draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020 and will be invited to adopt this document and transmit it to the ECE Executive Committee for approval.

5. Publications for 2019-2020

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/1), (ECE/HBP/2019/8)

The Committee will be informed of the status of the preparation of the Committee publications according to the programme of work 2018-2019 and planned publications for 2020.

The Committee is invited to decide on official publications to be issued in 2020.

6. Human Settlements Trust Fund

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2019/9)

Delegates will be informed of the status of the Human Settlements Trust Fund and discuss how to streamline funding in line with current UN and ECE regulations.

The Committee will be invited to endorse the proposals.

7. Election of the Bureau

The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau members, including its Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the eighty-first session. At the seventy-ninth session, the following individuals were elected to hold office until the end of the eightieth session: Ms. Elena Szolgayová, Slovakia (Chair); Ms. Daniela Grabmüllerová, Czech Republic (Vice Chair); Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli, Azerbaijan (Vice Chair); Ms. Doris Andoni, Albania; Ms. Alena Rakava, Belarus; Mrs. Maja-Marija Nahod, Croatia; Ms. Lise Heinesen, Denmark; Mr. Nino Gventsadze, Georgia; Ms. Stefano Scalera, Italy; Mr. Aša Rogelj, Slovenia; Ms. Beatriz Corredor, Spain; Mr. Andrey Chibis, Russian Federation; Ms. Emma Vincent, UK; Ms. Marge Martin, USA; and Sweden (Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration, Ex-officio). Current representatives of the following countries will need to leave the Bureau according to the Committee Rules of Procedure: Slovakia (Chair), Czech Republic (Vice Chair), Belarus, Denmark and Italy.

8. Other business

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

9. Adoption of the report and closing of the session

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 inform on the expected date for the next Committee session. The Chair will close the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
Wednesday, 2 October	10.00–10.15	1	Adoption of the agenda
		2	Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2018-2019
	10.15–18.00	2(a)	Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development
Thursday, 3 October	10.00–13.00	2(b)	Sustainable housing and real estate markets
	15.00–18.00	2(c)	Sustainable urban development and smart sustainable cities
Friday, 4 October	10.00–11.45	2(d)	Land administration and management
	11.45–12.15	2(e)	Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management
	12.15–13.00	3	Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
	15.00–15.20	4	Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020
	15.20–15.30	5	Publications for 2019-2020
	15.30–16.00	6	Human Settlements Trust Fund
	16.00–16.30	7	Election of the Bureau
	16.30–17.00	8	Other business
	17.00–18.00	9	Adoption of the report and closing of the session