

United Nations Economic Commission For Europe
Preparatory Committee for the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing
Geneva, 12-13 July 2007
Palais des Nations, Salle VIII

Summary

Agenda Item(s)	Conclusion
1 Opening and adoption of the agenda	The meeting was opened by Paolo Garonna, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNECE. The PrepCom adopted the agenda (ECE/AC.30/PC.1/2007/1) with following changes in the order of items: Items 12-14 were brought forward before Items 10 and 11. Items 7 and 9 were addressed together before Item 8.
2 Election of officers	The PrepCom elected the Chair (Spain), Vice-Chair (Austria) and the Bureau (Czech Republic, Germany, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, United States and Uzbekistan; observers from the European Centre Vienna and the coordinator of the civil society expert).
3 Overview of the roadmap leading to the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing	The PrepCom agreed on the roadmap in general, the details to be adapted according to the needs of the process.
4 Activities of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna	The PrepCom took note of the useful contribution of the European Centre of Vienna with support from the Austrian Government, to the follow-up of MIPAA/RIS and considered that such work would also be necessary in the follow-up to the León Ministerial Conference.
5 Activities of organized civil society in the field of ageing	The PrepCom reaffirmed the need of close cooperation with civil society and the research community in preparation to the Ministerial Conference.
6 Contribution of Spain to the regional review and appraisal of MIPAA: 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, León, Spain	The PrepCom took note of the valuable organizational and substantive input from Spain to the follow-up, review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS.
7 & 9 Draft agenda of the Conference	The PrepCom agreed on the general outline of the agenda of the Conference.
8 Rules of procedure: duration, participants, NGO involvement	The PrepCom adopted the rules of procedure of the Conference .

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12 & 13 Draft elements for the political declaration	The PrepCom requested the UNECE secretariat to prepare the first draft of the political declaration based on the discussion held. An <i>ad hoc</i> meeting of the Bureau after the PrepCom session defined the <u>work plan on drafting the political declaration</u> (see Item 15 below).
14 Title of the Conference	The PrepCom agreed on the Conference title: “ <i>A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities</i> “.
10 & 11 Background document	The PrepCom requested the UNECE secretariat to continue the preparation of the regional summary report. The secretariat was also requested to take steps towards making the country reports available by links to the web pages of respective ministries.
15 Next steps	<p>The PrepCom agreed to hold a two-day meeting of the Bureau where the second day is open to all participants of the PrepCom for negotiation on the draft declaration and fine-tuning the agenda. An <i>ad hoc</i> meeting of the Bureau after the PrepCom session agreed upon the dates of that meeting to be 8-9 October.</p> <p>According to the work plan on drafting the political declaration, the UNECE secretariat will distribute a first draft of the political declaration to the PrepCom by 27 August, requesting comments by 10 September. Based on the comments, the secretariat will prepare the second draft, which will be made available on 24 September, to be discussed on the meeting of 8-9 October.</p>