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León, Spain, 6–8 November 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA ¹

To be held in Parador de San Marcos, León, Spain,
beginning at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 November 2007

Introduction

In the first cycle of the global review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), the Commission for Social Development mandated the United Nations regional commissions to convene regional conferences to consider the findings of national reviews, share experiences and good practices, and identify priorities for future action (E/CN.5/2006/2). The UNECE Executive Committee approved the Work Plan on Population (ECE/EX/2007/L.4), which includes convening such conference and the related preparatory meetings. At the invitation of Spain, the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing will be held in León. In consultation with member States, and based on the discussion at the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee (ECE/AC.30/PC.1/2007/2), the secretariat has developed this provisional agenda for the Conference. To facilitate discussion, a compact outline of the agenda is included in the annex to this document.

¹ This document was submitted on the above date because of the need for consultations.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Conference and adoption of the agenda
2. Election of the Chairperson
3. Overview of the ageing situation in the UNECE region
4. Panel discussions:
 - (a) Creating integrated approaches to mainstream ageing
 - (b) Participation and social inclusion
 - (c) Towards a balanced care strategy
 - (d) Living longer – working longer: Challenges for education, the labour market and social protection
 - (e) Intergenerational collaboration
 - (f) Focusing on opportunities: Active ageing
5. Opening of the ministerial segment and election of its Chairperson
6. Presentation of the civil society declaration and of the research community declaration
7. Presentation and discussion of the draft ministerial declaration
8. Ministerial panel: A society for all ages: Challenges and opportunities
9. Ministerial panel: Adjusting social protection systems to population ageing
10. Ministerial panel: Work and education in ageing societies
11. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration
12. Closing of the Conference

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 6 November 2007

Item 1: Opening of the Conference and adoption of the agenda (11.30 a.m. – 12 noon)

1. A high-level representative of Spain will open the Conference. High-level officials from Spain and the UNECE secretariat will make opening statements. The Conference will adopt its agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing (ECE/AC.30/2007/1/Rev.1)

Item 2: Election of the Chairperson (12 noon – 12.10 p.m.)

2. The elected Chairperson will make introductory remarks (up to 3 minutes).

Item 3: Overview of the ageing situation in the UNECE region (12.10 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.)

3. The secretariat will provide an overview of the ageing situation in the UNECE region. The presentation will summarize the findings of country reports submitted to the secretariat in the framework of the review of the MIPAA (up to 15 minutes).

Documentation: Overview of the ageing situation in the UNECE region (ECE/AC.30/2007/4)

4. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for discussion.

Item 4: Panel discussions

- (a) **Creating integrated approaches to mainstream ageing (12.45 p.m. – 2.45p.m.)**
- (b) **Participation and social inclusion (4.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m., in parallel with agenda item 4 (c))**
- (c) **Towards a balanced care strategy (4.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m., in parallel with agenda item 4 (b))**

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- (d) **Living longer – working longer: Challenges for education, labour market and social protection (9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.)**
- (e) **Intergenerational collaboration (12 noon – 2.00 p.m.)**
- (f) **Focusing on opportunities: Active ageing (4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.)**

5. Each panel will be composed mainly of government representatives. In addition, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and up to one representative from a non-governmental organization will take part. A rapporteur will be designated to each panel. The rapporteur is expected to make a short, summarizing statement at the end of the session and provide inputs for the summary of all panel sessions that will be presented in the ministerial segment under agenda item 7.

6. Following the introduction of panellists by the Chairperson, a keynote speaker will make a 10-minute intervention, introducing the topic of the panel. This will be followed by statements

from seven to eight panellists, of up to 5 minutes each. In the remaining time, delegates are encouraged to engage in interactive discussion.

7. Within the areas defined for the panel, delegates may wish to consider mentioning in their statements the main achievements and obstacles in implementing the Regional Strategy of the MIPAA as well as the considerations for priorities for future action in their country.

8. Panels (b) and (c) will be held in parallel. All the other panel discussions will be held as plenary sessions.

Thursday, 8 November 2007

Item 5: Opening of the ministerial segment (9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.)

9. A high-level representative of Spain and the Executive Secretary of the UNECE will open the ministerial segment of the Conference. The opening also includes welcoming statements from host country authorities.

10. The conference will elect the Chairperson of the ministerial segment and two Vice-Chairpersons for the ministerial panels.

Item 6: Presentation of the civil society declaration and of the research community declaration (9.45 a.m. – 10 a.m.)

11. Representatives of civil society and research forums will present the declarations adopted by the corresponding forums. Depending on the outcome, either a joint or two separate declarations will be presented.

Item 7: Presentation of the draft ministerial declaration (10 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.)

12. The Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee will present the draft ministerial declaration.

Documentation: Draft Ministerial Declaration “A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities” (ECE/AC.30/2007/6)

13. The Chairperson will present a brief summary of the proceedings of the first two days of the Conference, based on the summaries of rapporteurs of the panel discussions (5 minutes).

14. The declaration has been negotiated in the Preparatory Committee. If delegations have concrete suggestions for any reformulation, these are to be delivered in writing before 2 p.m.

Item 8: Ministerial panel: A society for all ages: Challenges and opportunities (10.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.)

15. The panel will consist of ministers and executive heads of international organizations. One representative of a non-governmental organization will also participate.

16. After the introduction of panellists by the Chairperson, panellists will make statements up to 5 minutes each. This will be followed by an interactive discussion, with up to 3 minute interventions from the floor . The rapporteur will summarize the main points raised by the panellists in a brief concluding statement.

17. Statements and interventions in this panel are expected to reflect on the issues in the draft ministerial declaration

**Item 9: Ministerial panel: Adjusting social protection systems to population ageing
(12.15 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.)**

Item 10: Ministerial panel: Work and education in ageing societies (4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.)

18. These two panels will follow the same composition and format as the one under agenda item 8.

Item 11: Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration (5.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.)

Documentation: Draft Ministerial Declaration “A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities” (ECE/AC.30/2007/6)

Item 12: Closing of the Conference (5.45 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.)

19. The Chairperson of the Conference will summarize the results of the Conference, to be reflected in the Chairperson’s summary.

Annex
Outline of the agenda of the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing
“A SOCIETY FOR ALL AGES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES”

Day 1: Tuesday, 6 November 2007		Day 2: Wednesday, 7 November 2007		Ministerial Segment: Thursday, 8 November 2007	
<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
9 am	Accreditation and registration	9.30 – 11.30 am	Panel (d): Living longer – working longer: Challenges for education, the labour market and social protection	9.00 am	Opening of the ministerial segment
11.30 am	Opening of the Conference, adoption of the agenda, election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson	12 noon	Panel (e): Intergenerational collaboration	9.45 am	Presentation of the civil society and research community declaration(s)
12.10 am	Overview of the ageing situation in the UNECE region			10 am	Presentation of the draft ministerial declaration
12.45 am	Panel (a): Creating integrated approaches to mainstream ageing			10.15 – 11.45 am	Ministerial panel: A society for all ages: Challenges and opportunities (includes discussion on the declaration)
				12.15 – 2 pm	Ministerial panel: Adjusting social protection systems to population ageing
2.45 pm	Lunch, side events, exhibition	2 pm	Lunch, side-events, exhibition	2 pm	Press conference, lunch
4.45 – 6.45 pm	Parallel panel sessions: (b): Participation and social inclusion (c): Towards a balanced care strategy	4–6 pm	Panel (f): Focusing on opportunities: Active ageing	4 pm	Ministerial panel: Work and education in ageing societies
				5:30 pm	Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration
				5.45 – 6 pm	Closing of the Conference
