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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Thursday,
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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 10:00–10:30

Documentation: *Annotated Provisional agenda of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2015/1)

1. The provisional agenda contained in the present document is based on the draft outline agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing at its seventh meeting (ECE/WG.1/2015/3) and is presented for approval. The Working Group is asked to adopt the agenda.

2. Election of officers

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 10:30–10:45

2. According to the Terms of Reference of the Working Group and its amendment on the Role and Functioning of the Bureau (based on the Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies), the Bureau is elected for a two-year period. The Bureau members could be re-elected for three consecutive periods, while the Chair of the Working Group usually serves two consecutive periods. Therefore, at the eighth meeting of the Working Group a new Bureau has to be elected as well as a Chair of the Working Group. Following the call for nominations to the Bureau and the Chair's position, the interested candidates are invited to contact the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

3. Work of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related inter events during 2015

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 10:45 –11:45

(a) The Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing

Documentation: *Report of the seventh meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2015/3)

3. The report of the Bureau meeting will be presented by the representative of Poland, the host country of the meeting.

(b) The 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (February 2015), the 48th Session of the Commission for Population and Development (April 2015), and the 66th session of the Economic Commission for Europe (April 2015).

4. The 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development took place from 4-13 February 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York under the priority theme “Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world”. The Chair will provide a brief overview of the discussions and outcomes, including the resolution on Modalities for the third review and appraisal of MIPAA, which was adopted by the commission.

5. The 48th Session of the Commission for Population and Development took place from 13-17 April 2015 under the headline “Realizing the Future We Want: Integrating Population Issues into Sustainable Development, Including in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The Secretariat will provide a brief overview of the discussions and outcomes.

6. The Secretariat will brief the Working Group on the content and relevant outcomes of the 66th session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe which took place on 14-16 April 2015.

(c) The latest meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in New York (July 2015).

7. The Secretariat and the WGA members who participated in the meeting will inform WGA participants about the latest developments in the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and national focal points and representatives of non-governmental organizations who participated in its last session in July 2015 will be invited to share their views.

(d) New international initiatives in the area of ageing and the UN post-2015 development agenda

8. Representatives of the international organizations (World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, the European Union, and others) will inform about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing. The Secretariat will provide an update about the adoption of the sustainable development goals and how they relate to ageing. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

4. World Health Organization ‘World Report on Ageing and Health’

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 11:45 –12:45

9. A representative of the World Health Organization will present the report released in October 2015, followed by a brief discussion.

5. Report on the activities of the Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 12:45 –13:00

10. A representative of the Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics will present an overview of the advancements made towards improving the availability, accessibility and comparability of statistical data in support of ageing-related policy-making.

6. Third cycle of review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS

(a) Launching the third review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA/RIS

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 15:00 –15:30

11. The guidelines for preparation of national reports were disseminated by the Secretariat on 1 June 2015 and with this the third review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS) was launched. Member States will be invited to inform the WGA about their plans for the national review process including involvement of various stakeholders.

(b) Preparations for the regional Ministerial conference in 2017: brainstorming sessions of discussion groups on the conference theme, structure and possible outcome document

Documentation: ‘*UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing (Istanbul, 2017)*’ – a concept note prepared by Turkey

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 15:30 –16:00

12. Following the presentation of a concept note by the representative of Turkey, the discussion groups (one group per priority theme of the Vienna Ministerial Declaration) will retreat to discuss the theme and structure of the 2017 Ministerial conference. Leaders/rapporteurs of each group will bring back a summary of the deliberations to the plenary. Based on this, the Chair will facilitate reaching an agreement on the way forward.

Timing: Thursday, 19 November, 16:45-18:00

13. Following an introductory statement by the Chair, participants will break up into four discussion groups to explore ideas for the ministerial declaration or other outcome document (both the process of drafting and actual content of the document). Leaders/rapporteurs of each group will bring back a summary of the deliberations to the plenary. Based on this, the Chair will facilitate reaching an agreement on the way forward.

Timing: Friday, 20 November 9:30-10:00

14. At the resumed plenary session on Friday morning, the Chair will briefly summarize the outcomes of the brainstorming sessions and will highlight the decisions agreed by WGA members so far.

7. Implementation of the WGA work programme in 2015

Documentation: *Implementation of the Work Programme in 2015* (ECE/WG.1/2015/4)

(a) Policy Briefs

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 10:00–10:30

Documentation: *Policy Brief 'Dignity and non-discrimination of persons with dementia'; Outline 'The impacts of migration on ageing, ageing migrants and migration of care staff'*.

15. The Secretariat will report on the publication of the Policy Brief on 'Dignity and non-discrimination of persons with dementia' and will present an extended outline of the Policy Brief on 'The impacts of migration on ageing, ageing migrants and migration of care staff'. Participants are invited to provide feedback on the presented documents.

(b) Capacity-building:

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 10:30–10:50

(i) Road Maps on Mainstreaming Ageing

Documentation: *Publication 'Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Georgia'; Concept note on the evaluation exercise for the Road Map implementation in Armenia.*

16. The Secretariat together with the representative of Georgia will inform about an outcome of the conference on Ageing Policy in Georgia in July 2015 and subsequent steps taken to develop an Action Plan based on the recommendations of the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Georgia. The action plan is to be endorsed by the Georgian government.

17. The Secretariat and the representative of Armenia will inform about the time frame and method for evaluating the implementation of the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Armenia. A related concept note will be presented.

(ii) Workshop on addressing data gaps for active ageing indicators

18. The Secretariat will briefly report on the workshop on use of the statistical indicators on active ageing in national reports. The workshop takes place on 18 November, day preceding the eighth WGA meeting. It is organized thanks to the financial support from Sweden and is aimed at ECE countries outside of the EU. WGA members, participants of the workshop, will be invited to provide their comments on the workshop.

(c) Active Ageing Index project

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 10:50–11:20

19. The Secretariat will deliver a presentation summarising progress and achievements of the Active Ageing Index (AAI) project during its second phase. The Secretariat will also give a brief overview of communication and outreach activities, including the organization of the international seminar in April 2015 on 'Building an Evidence Base for Active Ageing Policies' in Brussels, Belgium, and a national seminar on use of the AAI in Vilnius Lithuania, in May 2015. WGA will be informed about a possible extension of the project.

20. Member States are invited to inform about the initiatives related to the use of the Active Ageing Index at the national and subnational level.

(d) Generations and Gender Programme

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 11:20–11:30

21. The Secretariat will comment about the recent developments in the Generations and Gender Programme, followed by a discussion about the use of GGP data as an evidence-base for policy-making in the region.

8. Country experiences

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 11:30–12:30

22. Turkey and the Czech Republic will present their ageing policies and first achievements in their implementation. Other countries may take the floor to present about experiences during the last year. They are requested to contact the Secretariat in advance.

9. Main elements of the WGA work programme for 2016

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 14:30–15:30

(a) Preparation of synthesis report for the third review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS

23. Member States are expected to submit their national reports on the progress of MIPAA/RIS implementation by 31 October 2016. The Secretariat will analyse the received submissions as they come and prepare an extended outline for a synthesis report to be presented at the Ninth WGA meeting.

(b) Policy brief(s)

24. A Policy Brief ‘*The impacts of migration on ageing, ageing migrants and migration of care staff*’ shall be finalised and published in the first part of 2016. Subsequently, the Secretariat will start working on the next issue of a policy brief and WGA members are invited to agree on its topic. The Bureau, at its Seventh meeting in May 2015, decided to propose two topics for discussion at the Working Group meeting, namely ‘Innovative social services and supportive measures for independent living in advanced age’ and ‘Older people in rural areas’. The Bureau also suggested that decision about the Policy Brief to be published in 2017 might take into account the theme of the forthcoming Ministerial Conference.

(c) Capacity-building activities

25. Following the proposed timeline by Armenia the evaluation exercise of the Road Map implementation in the country will be carried out in the first part of 2016. Member states are invited to make suggestions for other potential capacity-building activities.

(d) Other programme elements

26. The Chair will initiate the discussion about other elements of the programme of work, including MIPAA/RIS monitoring activities, and tools for building evidence for policy-making, e.g. the Active Ageing Index and the Generations and Gender Programme.

10. Review of subprogramme performance and programme planning

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 15:30 – 16:00

Documentation: *Draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2016-2017* (ECE/WG.1/2015/5); *Draft Strategic Framework 2018-2019 for the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme* (ECE/WG.1/2015/Room Document 1), *Programme Performance report for the biennium 2014-2015* ((ECE/WG.1/2015/Room Document 2)

27. The Working Group is invited to adopt and recommend to the Executive Committee (Excom) for approval the draft programme of work of the Population component of the subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population for 2016-2017. The Draft Strategic Framework for 2018-2019 for the Population Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme is also presented for adoption. The Working Group will also be invited to discuss and approve the Programme Performance report for 2014-2015 of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme.

11. Financing of the work programme

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 16:00 – 16.30

28. The Secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the programme, including budget allocations of recent donations, and identify areas that require further contribution. Members will be invited to pledge and to discuss funding opportunities.

12. Other business, summary and conclusions of the annual session

Timing: Friday, 20 November, 16.30 – 17.30

29. The representative of Poland, being currently based in China, will give a presentation about ageing and related social policies in China.

30. WGA members wishing to discuss other issues under this agenda item are invited to inform the secretariat before the meeting.

31. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the decisions taken at the annual session of the Working Group on Ageing.
