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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Thursday,
22 November 2012 at 10 a.m.*

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II. Annotations

A. Working Group on Ageing

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 10–10.10 a.m.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/WG.1/2012/1)

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 third meeting (ECE/WG.1/2012/3) and is presented for approval. The Working Group is asked to adopt the agenda.

2. Election of officers

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 10.10–10.25 a.m.

2. The Working Group will be asked to initiate an amendment to the terms of reference of the WGA regarding the role of its Bureau and the election modalities of its members, the Chair and the Vice-chair. If agreed, the Working Group will ask the current members of its Bureau, the Chair and the Vice-Chair to remain in their roles until the end of 2013 when the current mandate of the Working Group on Ageing expires. The proposed amendment to the terms of reference will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Information on the review of UNECE subprogrammes by the Executive Committee

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 10.25–10.40 a.m.

3. The secretariat will report on the process of examining the UNECE subprogrammes including Population component as part of the 2005 UNECE reform review exercise initiated by the Executive Committee in 2011, and will inform the Working Group of requirements for its future reporting to the Executive Committee.

4. Report and discussion on the outcome of the regional Ministerial Conference held in Vienna in September 2012

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 10.40–12.10

Documentation: Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Vienna on 19-20 September 2012 (ECE/AC.30/2012/2) and Report on the fourth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2012/3)

4. The Chair will briefly review the main highlights of the Ministerial Conference and report on the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration. The members of the Declaration Drafting Group will be invited to share their experience in preparing and negotiating the 2012 Vienna Declaration.

(a) Main messages from expert and ministerial panels

5. The Chair will present an overview on the main outcomes from the discussions during its expert and ministerial panels. The Working Group will be invited to comment and share the views on the main findings and proposals made by the panellists at the Conference.

(b) Results of the civil society and research forums

6. The coordinators of the civil society and research forums will briefly report on the respective forums and will present the main outcomes of the discussions held during these events. They will inform the Working Group about possible follow-up activities initiated during the forums. The Working Group will take note of the information and will be invited to comment on it.

(c) Proceedings of the Conference

7. The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the progress made in preparing the Proceedings of the Conference.

5. Concluding the second cycle of review and appraisal of RIS/MIPAA

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 12.10–13.00

Documentation: UNECE Regional Report on the second review and appraisal cycle of the MIPAA/RIS (ECE/WG.1/2012/5)

8. The secretariat will introduce the UNECE Regional Report on the second cycle of MIPAA/RIS prepared for the 51st session of the UN Commission for Social Development. The document will provide a summary of the findings in the Synthesis Report and will include main conclusions made at the Ministerial Conference in September 2012.

9. The secretariat will report on the UNECE involvement in the preparations for a Global Conference on Ageing that will take place in February 2013 in New York and is organised by UNFPA.

10. The Working Group will be invited to take note of the information and will be asked to inform their national representatives in the UN Commission for Social Development about the preparations.

6. The WGA work programme for 2012-2013 and beyond

(a) Implementation of the main elements of the WGA work programme in 2012

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 15.00–16.00

Documentation: Implementation of the Work Programme in 2012 (ECE/WG.1/2012/4)

11. The Working Group will review the implementation of its work programme during 2012. As the evaluation of the organisation of the Ministerial Conference – one of the main work programme elements in 2012 - will be discussed under the item 4, this item will focus on other elements of the work programme: policy briefs, capacity building activities and generations and gender programme.

12. The secretariat will report on the two policy briefs published in the course of 2012: (i) on images of older persons and (ii) on active ageing. The secretariat will also inform the Working Group about the recent translation and publication of a series of policy briefs in German thanks to the joint effort of Austria, Germany and Switzerland. The Working Group will be invited to make proposals on the dissemination and use of policy briefs.

13. Representatives of Armenia and of the Republic of Moldova will inform the Working Group on the progress of incorporating the findings and recommendations of the respective Road maps on mainstreaming ageing into the national strategic documents.

14. The secretariat will report on the capacity development training workshop held in Haifa (Israel) in March 2012. The Working Group will take note of the information and will be invited to comment on it.

15. The secretariat will also report on the current status and developments of the Generations and Gender Programme.

(b) Outlining suggestions for the WGA work programme for the third cycle of MIPAA/RIS

Timing: Thursday, 22 November, 16.00–17.00 and Friday, 23 November 9.30-11.00

Documentation: Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Vienna on 19-20 September 2012 (ECE/AC.30/2012/2)

16. The Chair will initiate the discussion on the WGA work programme during the third cycle of the MIPAA/RIS implementation (2013-2017). The Working Group will be invited to decide on the modalities of the preparation of the draft Work Programme. This work might be delegated to the WGA Bureau or to the wider group by extending the Bureau membership to volunteers for this task. The draft Work Programme will have to be prepared for discussion at the fifth Bureau meeting.

(i) Areas of focus - responding to the goals of 2012 Vienna Declaration

17. The Chair will refer to the four main goals indicated in the 2012 Vienna Declaration and will invite the Working Group to discuss and agree upon the possible areas of focus of

its future work programme. The new work programme will have to be developed by combining the mandate provided by the 2012 Ministerial Conference and by taking into account the recommendations of the UNECE Executive Committee to be adopted at the April 2013 session of the Economic Commission for Europe.

18. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the priorities during the third MIPAA/RIS implementation cycle and will be expected to agree on a few areas to be included in the work programme.

(ii) New and continuing elements in the work programme

19. The secretariat will outline the four main elements in the WGA work programme since 2008: policy briefs, capacity development, monitoring MIPAA/RIS and generations and gender relationships, and inform on the planned outputs for these programme elements in 2013.

20. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the importance and feasibility of the individual work programme elements to be included in the future. The Working Group will be asked to suggest new programme elements and/or discontinue some current elements in order to better respond to the agreed focus areas for the new work programme.

7. Financing of the work programme

Timing: Friday, 23 November, 10.30-11.00

21. The secretariat will report on the financing of the work programme and identify areas that require further contributions. Members of the Working Group will be invited to pledge contributions and to discuss funding opportunities.

8. Report on the work of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons

Timing: Friday, 23 November, 11.00-12.30

Documentation: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/2012/51)

22. An invited expert will report on the current status of the discussions of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA) for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons and will inform the Working Group about the timeline and expected outcome of these deliberations.

23. The Working Group members will be invited to take note of the information and present their country's position on the OEWGA's discussions on the need to strengthen the protection of the human rights of older persons.

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

Timing: Friday, 23 November, 14.30-15.00

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

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

B. Special session on monitoring MIPAA/RIS and Active Ageing Index project

Timing: Friday, 23 November, 15.00-17.30.

26. A special session will be organised to inform the Working Group on the Active Ageing Index project and to seek for non-EU countries' involvement in developing an Active Ageing Index as part of the Monitoring MIPAA/RIS exercise. The project is a joint undertaking of the European Commission, UNECE and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research (European Centre) under the aegis of the 2012 European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity Between Generations.

10. Monitoring MIPAA/RIS implementation: lessons learned and next steps

27. A representative of the European Centre will report on the work done on the indicators for Monitoring MIPAA/RIS in the last two years and on efforts to maintain and update the Monitoring RIS website. The need to include new indicators, ensure data updates and better country coverage in order to monitor implementation of the 2012 Vienna Declaration goals will be outlined.

28. The Working Group will be invited to share experience in using the indicators and methodological materials available on the Monitoring RIS website in preparation of the national reports for the second review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS and will be asked to comment on the necessity of continuing this work.

11. Incorporating the Active Ageing Index for monitoring MIPAA/RIS

29. A representative of the European Centre will briefly introduce the preliminary empirical results of the Active Ageing Index (AAI) project and will outline the ways how AAI could be used for monitoring the MIPAA/RIS implementation.

30. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the presented results and discuss the potential utility of the AAI to the policy makers and other stakeholders in developing evidence-based programmes and monitoring the work done towards reaching the goals of the 2012 Vienna Declaration.

12. Active Ageing Index project: extension beyond EU countries

31. The secretariat will report on the pilot studies undertaken or planned in some non-EU countries of UNECE in an effort to extend the coverage and verify the feasibility of producing such an index across a very diverse region.

32. A representative from Georgia will report on the national experience in participating in the pilot exercise.

33. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the work done and will be asked to explore and discuss the potential involvement in developing AAI for their countries.