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Item 7(a) of the provisional agenda**Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015****Sustainable housing and real estate markets****Draft Terms of Reference of the Real Estate Market
Advisory Group for 2015-2016****Note by the Bureau of the Committee***Summary*

At its seventy-fourth session on 7 and 9 October 2013, the Committee endorsed the extension of the mandate of the UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group until the end of 2014, under its existing terms of reference. At its sixty-seventh meeting on 5 March 2014, the UNECE Executive Committee approved this decision.

At its meeting on 6 May 2014, the Bureau of the Committee agreed to recommend that the mandate of the Advisory Group be extended until the end of 2016 based on the draft revised terms of reference in this document.

The Committee is invited to recommend the extension of the mandate of the Advisory Group until the end of 2016 and to endorse the draft terms of reference.



A. Objectives

1. The Real Estate Market Advisory Group assists the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration to develop stronger housing real estate markets. The Advisory Group reports to the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration.
2. The Advisory Group support the Committee and the Working Party in the implementation of their programmes of work with special attention to cluster one of the Committee's programme of work, "Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets".

B. Activities

3. The activities of the Advisory Group may address:
 - (a) Energy efficient housing;
 - (b) Affordable and social housing;
 - (c) Housing finance (including transparent and advanced financial products for housing);
 - (d) Property valuation and registration;
 - (e) Land markets and land administration.
4. The Advisory Group will, according to the needs expressed by member States and following the decisions taken by the Committee:
 - (a) Provide practical advice on the challenges addressed by the Committee and the Working Party in order to improve conditions for sustainable housing and land management;
 - (b) Promote guidelines and best practices that support sustainable housing and land management, including best practices for encouraging investment in national housing real estate markets;
 - (c) Recommend activities to the Committee and Working Party for their programmes of work;
 - (d) Assist the Committee and the Working Party to undertake studies and advisory missions organize seminars and training workshops, draft policy models and guidelines, collect data, provide information and develop training material;
 - (e) Work with the Committee and the Working Party to assist countries with training and capacity-building for stakeholders acting in the housing market;
 - (f) Collect examples of good practice in housing and land administration reforms in the UNECE region;
 - (g) Assist the Committee and the Working Party with specific projects at their request.
5. The Advisory Group may put forward proposals for specific activities. The final decision on activities to be carried out by the Advisory Group remains with the Committee.
6. The Chair of the Advisory Group will, when possible and necessary, attend meetings of the Bureau of the Committee to discuss and present the work of the Advisory Group.

C. Membership

7. The selection of an Advisory Group member will be in line with the following rules and principles:

- (a) Members of the Advisory Group must be nominated by member States or by non-governmental organizations recognized by the Economic and Social Council or identified and proposed by the secretariat;
- (b) Members may be representatives of private sector, non-governmental organizations, academia and municipalities;
- (c) Each member State or non-governmental organization may nominate, at most, one member of the Advisory Group at a time;
- (d) Nominations must be submitted to the secretariat at least 14 days before the Committee session in which the nomination is to be submitted;
- (e) Nominations must be renewed, or new nominations submitted, when the mandate of the Advisory Group is extended, normally, every two years.

8. The composition of the Advisory Group should, to the extent possible, include members whose knowledge and experience cover all themes under the Committee's cluster one of the programme of work, "Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets".

9. Members of the Advisory Group participate in activities of the Committee in their own personal capacity.

10. The Advisory Group will select from its own members a Chair and one or two vice-chairs.
