Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-seventh session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room XVI, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 September 2016

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II. Annotations

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The provisional agenda is based on decisions taken by the Committee at its seventy-sixth session (ECE/HBP/184)¹ and on progress made since then in implementing the 2016-2017 programme of work (ECE/HBP/2015/7)² The provisional agenda, which was approved by the Committee Bureau at its meeting on 16 March 2016, is presented to the Committee for adoption.

2. Conclusions of the European Habitat Conference, key messages of the Habitat III Regional Report for the UNECE region and the content of the draft New Urban Agenda³ as inputs into the planning of the work of the Committee on Housing and Land Management

2. This session will report on the outcomes of the European regional consultation to Habitat III – European Habitat (Prague, 16-18 March 2016), key messages of the Habitat III Regional Report for the UNECE region and the content of the draft New Urban Agenda.⁴ The Committee is invited to discuss possible priorities for the work of the Committee based on these inputs.

3. High-level Panel on the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020

3. The Committee on Housing and Land Management (CHLM) at its seventy-fifth session in October 2014 agreed on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing as a non-legally binding document. The Charter was then endorsed by the UNECE Commission at its session on 16 April 2015 (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1). The Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020⁵ was adopted by the Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management on 8 October 2013 in Geneva.

4. High-level representatives of governments will report on their activities to implement the Charter, the Strategy and the Committee’s programme of work in their countries. The Committee is invited to discuss next steps in the implementation of the Charter and the Strategy.

4. Activities on the implementation of the Programme of Work since the seventy-sixth session and recommendations for the directions of future activities

5. The Committee Chair will report on the main actions taken since the seventy-sixth session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/2016/1) and will formulate recommendations for the directions of future Committee’s activities in view of the implementation of the Geneva UN

³ https://www.habitat3.org/node/529098
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⁵ http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35252
Charter on Sustainable Housing, the conclusions of the European Habitat Conference, the Habitat III Regional Report for the ECE region and the content of the New Urban Agenda.

6. The Chair will present a draft Committee Declaration (Informal Note 1), which is proposed to be adopted by the Committee in 2017 on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Committee.

7. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and comment on the draft Declaration.

5. **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and perspectives for its implementation in housing and urban development in the ECE region**

8. The United Nations summit (25-27 September 2015, New York) adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Indicators for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda were then developed. The Committee, at its seventy-sixth session in December 2015 adopted a decision to develop a system for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with regards to Sustainable Development Goal 11 on Cities and Human Settlements (SDG 11), and entrusted its Bureau to develop a methodology therefor.

9. The UN Statistical Commission at its 47th Session adopted the global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. The UN High-level Political Forum (11-20 July 2016, New York) is expected to discuss the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. The ECE secretariat will report on the outcomes of these meetings (Informal Note 2).

10. The Committee is invited to discuss how it will organize the monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, especially regarding SDG 11.

6. **Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2016-2017**

(a) **Sustainable housing and real estate markets**

(i) **Implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing**

11. The Committee secretariat presented recommendations for the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1) at the Committee’s seventy-sixth session. The recommendations included a proposal for the establishment of Geneva UN Charter Centres. The Committee endorsed the recommendations and entrusted its Bureau with the elaboration of terms of reference for the Centres. The delegates will be presented with draft guidelines for the implementation of the Charter (ECE/HBP/2016/2), and proposals by countries and partner organizations for the establishment of Centres.

12. The Committee is invited to endorse the draft guidelines, including terms of reference for the Centres, and to take note of the proposals for the establishment of the latter.

(ii) **Achieving access to affordable housing and sustainable real estate markets**

13. The Committee published the study “Social Housing in the ECE Region: Models, Trends and Challenges” (ECE/HBP/182) in 2015. It also organized a series of events

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6 http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/
9 http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41388
where the conclusions of this study were presented and discussed.\textsuperscript{10} To further develop discussion on the approaches to affordable and social housing, the Committee at its seventy-sixth session, adopted a decision to prepare, in cooperation with partner organizations, a new survey on how countries in the ECE region have tackled the economic and financial crises after 2008, and how they are addressing the current migration crisis. The Committee requested its Bureau to elaborate a concept paper for the study, and invited the secretariat to implement it, subject to the availability of resources.

14. The secretariat will present preliminary outcomes of the study on housing migrants (Informal Note 3) and a draft concept paper for the study on how countries in the ECE region have tackled the economic and financial crises after 2008 (Informal Note 4). The Committee is invited to comment on the documents.

\textit{(iii) Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group}

15. EXCOM, at its eighty-third meeting on 14 March 2016, approved the renewal of the mandate and the revised terms of reference of the Group until 31 December 2018 (ECE/EX/2016/L.8).\textsuperscript{11} The Group elaborated its draft programme of work for 2017-2018.

16. The Committee is invited to adopt the Advisory Group’s programme of work for the period 2017-2018 (ECE/HBP/2016/3).

\textit{(iv) Energy-efficient housing}

17. The Committee at its seventy-sixth session endorsed the proposal for the establishment of the Joint Task Force on Energy-Efficiency Standards in Buildings with the Committee on Sustainable Energy and with the participation of experts from other ECE bodies and international partner organizations (ECE/HBP/2015/2). The work of the Task Force has not yet started due to lack of funds.

18. The Committee at the seventy-sixth session took note of the possibility of cooperation with the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) on energy efficiency in wooden buildings and entrusted the CHLM Bureau to develop and organize the implementation of joint activities.

19. The secretariat will provide an update on the planning of the work of the Task Force and on the cooperation with COFFI. The Committee is invited to take note of the information and consider providing financial support to the proposed project.

\textbf{(b) Sustainable urban development}

\textit{(iv) Smart Sustainable City Indicators and Standards}

20. The Committee at its seventy-sixth session (ECE/HBP/184), endorsed the UNECE/ITU Smart Sustainable City Indicators (ECE/HBP/184, Annex I), and recommended developing Smart Sustainable City Standards and further activities on the preparation of smart sustainable city profiles, with a possible amendment once the SDG indicators are approved. The secretariat and experts will present the revised indicators (ECE/HBP/2015/4) and will report on activities under the United Smart Cities project (Informal Note 5).

21. The Committee will be invited to endorse the revised Indicators and to take note of the project activities.

\textsuperscript{10} Information on the meetings can be found at http://www.unece.org/housing/meetings-and-events.html/

\textsuperscript{11} http://www.unece.org/housing/advisory-group.html
22. The Committee at its seventy-fifth session in 2014 endorsed a proposal for the development of a policy brief on spatial planning (ECE/HBP/2014/6). In 2015, UN-Habitat developed International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning, which were approved by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in Resolution 25/6 of 23 April 2015. The Resolution calls upon “international financial institutions, development agencies, and UN-Habitat to assist interested member States in using and adapting the Guidelines to their territorial and national contexts, where appropriate, and further developing tools and monitoring indicators”. The ECE and UN-Habitat held a joint workshop in Minsk in April 2016 to discuss adapting the Guidelines to the context of countries with economies in transition in the ECE region. The workshop recommended elaborating a joint UNECE-UN-Habitat programme on capacity-building for urban planners in countries with transition economies in the ECE region based on the Guidelines.

23. The Committee secretariat also organized in Geneva in April 2016 jointly with secretariats of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) and of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the European Investment Bank a workshop on land use planning and hazardous wastes. “Draft guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects” (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2016/INF.2), which was elaborated by the Working Group on Development under the Industrial Accidents Convention, was presented and discussed at the workshop.

24. The secretariat will present a proposal (ECE/HBP/2016/5) for a joint capacity-building programme on urban planning with UN-Habitat and other relevant organizations which is aimed at adapting the Guidelines to the context of countries with transition economies in the ECE region. The proposed programme will also support the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the UNECE Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020. The Committee is invited to endorse the proposal.

(c) Land administration and management

25. The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) will report on the activities carried out by the Working Party since the last session of the Committee reflected in (ECE/HBP/2016/1). This will include information on the progress of the preparation of potential technical guidelines on informal settlements in the ECE region, specifically on the completion of a report with a literature review on informal settlements in countries with transition economies in the ECE region as input for the preparation of the guidelines (Informal Note 6). The Working Party secretariat will also report on the preparation of the Tenth WPLA Session scheduled for March 2017. The Committee will be invited to take note of the information on the Working Party’s ongoing activities.

(d) Country profiles on housing and land management

26. At its seventy-sixth session, the Committee approved revised guidelines for the preparation of ECE country profiles on housing and land management
(ECE/HBP/2015/6/Corr.1). After the session, an evaluation of the profiles from 1996 to 2015 was undertaken by an external consultant and an evaluation report prepared (Informal Note 7). The Committee will be provided with a presentation on the results of the evaluation.

27. The Country Profile of Uzbekistan (ECE/HBP/185) was completed in December 2015 after the Committee’s seventy-sixth session. The Government of Uzbekistan requested in January 2016 to introduce a few technical changes (ECE/HBP/2016/6). The draft Country Profile of Armenia was prepared in 2016; its Executive Summary is contained in (ECE/HBP/2016/7) and key outcomes and policy recommendations in Informal Note 8. The Committee will be informed of the key outcomes and policy recommendations in these two Profiles. The secretariat will also provide an update on the preparation of the Country Profile of Kazakhstan.

28. The secretariat will inform the Committee on the progress of the preparation of country profiles for other countries which requested their preparation but on which work did not commence due to a lack of resources. Delegations of member States will inform the Committee if they are interested in having a country profile prepared for their countries.

29. The Committee will be invited to:

- Take note of the results of the evaluation. Request the secretariat to prepare updated guidelines for the Country Profiles for the consideration of the Committee’s seventy-eighth session taking into account the results of the evaluation
- Approve the Country Profile of Uzbekistan and its publication (ECE/HBP/185). Request the secretariat to issue the publication corrigendum by introducing changes requested by the Government of Uzbekistan
- Approve key outcomes and policy recommendations of the Country Profile of Armenia (ECE/HBP/2016/7) and request the secretariat to finalise the draft and print it as an official publication
- Take note of the preparation of the Country Profile of Kazakhstan
- Decide on the next countries to be reviewed
- Propose financial or in-kind expert contribution to the next country profiles.

7. **Status of the Trust Fund on Human Settlements**

30. The secretariat will report on the status of the Trust Fund on Human Settlements. Delegations will be invited to announce their voluntary contributions and in-kind support.

8. **Election of the Bureau**

31. The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-eighth session.

9. **Other business**

32. Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.

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16 The preparation of Country Profiles of Croatia and the Russian Federation was approved by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session in 2013 (ECE/HBP/173) and the preparation of those for Belarus and Portugal was approved at the seventy sixth session in 2015 (ECE/HBP/184).
10. Adoption of the report and closing of the session

33. The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee will be invited to adopt the session report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.

34. The Chair will propose a date for the organization of the next Committee session. The Committee will decide on the date of its Committee session. The Chair will close the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

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