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Sixty-fifth session
(Geneva, 20-22 September 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting on Monday, 20 September 2004, at 10 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to the Committee.
3. Discussion on the results of the first Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development and the outcome of the 12th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
4. Joint in-depth discussion with the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP).

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5. Review of the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the 21st century and possible amendment of it.
6. Programme of work for 2005-2006:
 - (a) Country profiles on the housing sector;
 - (b) Land registration and land markets;
 - (c) Improvement of spatial planning and urban environmental performance;
 - (d) Major trends characterizing human settlements development;
 - (e) Housing modernization and management;
 - (f) Development of human settlements statistics.
7. Work of the Bureau and report of the Housing and Urban Management Advisory Network.
8. Adoption of the programme of work for 2005-2006.
9. Other business.
10. Election of officers.
11. Closing of the sixty-fifth session.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Monday, 20 September	Morning Afternoon	Items 1, 2 and 3 Item 4
Tuesday, 21 September	Morning Afternoon	Items 5, 6 (a) Items 6 (b)-(e)
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda is based on the decisions taken at the sixty-fourth session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/129), the Ministerial Declaration (ECE/HBP/119/Add.1) and the progress made in the programme of work since then. The Committee is expected to adopt its agenda.

Item 2: Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to the Committee

The Committee will be informed about the decisions taken by the Commission at its fifty-ninth session, held from 24 to 26 February 2004, which will have a bearing on the work of the Committee, including decisions on reforming the Commission (HBP/2004/1).

The Committee may wish to take the above decisions into account when deciding on its future work programme.

Item 3: Discussion on the results of the first Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development and the outcome of the 12th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Committee will be informed of the results of the first Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development, which was held in Geneva on 15-16 January 2004 as a follow-up to the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (ECE/AC.25/2004/2 and 3). At the request of the Committee, the secretariat prepared a paper on "Sustainable Development of Human Settlements in the UNECE Region: Progress and Challenges" (ECE/AC.25/2004/4 and Add.1) and submitted it to the Forum.

The Committee will also be informed about the outcome of the 12th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. In particular, attention will be drawn to the progress in the implementation of the sustainable development goals in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements.

The Committee is invited to discuss how national delegations could enhance the regional dimension of sustainable human settlements policies at the 13th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in April 2005.

Item 4: Joint in-depth discussion with the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)

The 40th Congress of ISOCARP on the "Management of Urban Regions" will be held in Geneva on 18-20 September 2004. At its sixty-fourth session, the Committee invited its Bureau and the secretariat to consider the modalities and organizational aspects of holding a joint session with ISOCARP in September 2004. The joint discussion in particular aims at establishing a common conceptual understanding of spatial planning systems, while fostering a dialogue

between government officials and urban planners for the management of urban areas. The discussion will provide input for the guidelines on spatial planning systems, which the Committee requested (ECE/HBP/129, para. 32 (c)). In order to facilitate the debate, a discussion paper will be prepared by the UNECE secretariat and ISOCARP (HBP/2004/4).

Item 5: Review of the implementation of the ECE Strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the 21st century and possible amendment of it

To follow up the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for a Sustainable Quality of Life in Human Settlements in the 21st Century, the national delegations will be invited to make presentations on their needs and problems in human settlements development in the framework of the Strategy and the Committee's programme of work. Following the recommendation of the Commission to countries from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to be more involved in its activities, these countries in particular are encouraged to present the challenges that they face within human settlements to the Committee.

The Committee may wish to discuss the Strategy and in particular the relevance of its goals and decide to revise and update it taking into account the special needs of the above-mentioned countries as well as new developments and challenges.

The Committee is also invited to discuss the possibility of organizing a high-level ministerial meeting in September 2005 to review the implementation of the Strategy and consider possible amendments.

The Committee may agree to:

- (a) Organize a high-level/ministerial meeting in September 2005;
- (b) Consider revising its Strategy for a Sustainable Quality of Life in Human Settlements in the 21st Century for adoption at the high-level/ministerial meeting in 2005 and request the Bureau to prepare an assessment for the high-level segment of the Committee's meeting in September 2005.

Item 6: Programme of work for 2005-2006

The Committee will discuss the directions of its work and corresponding activities, based on the draft programme of work (HBP/2004/5).

Item 6 (a): Country profiles on the housing sector

The delegation of Albania will be invited to present the main findings of the follow-up workshop to its Country Profile (ECE/HBP/130), held in Tirana on 16-17 February 2004 (HBP/2004/2). The workshop was organized to bring together all stakeholders to discuss and agree on priorities for implementing the housing policy following the recommendations of the Country Profile. The discussions focused on social housing, housing finance, maintenance and management of the housing stock.

Since the previous session of the Committee, the Country Profile on Armenia has been published (ECE/HBP/132). The Country Profile on the Russian Federation has been finalized for publication.

The delegations of Armenia and the Russian Federation are invited to report on the outcome of the country profile studies as well as the preparations for follow-up events, to disseminate the findings, set housing policy priorities based on the study's recommendations and discuss possible needs for further international assistance.

Preparations for a country profile study on Serbia and Montenegro have started. A pre-mission was to be carried out in June 2004. The research mission of the international experts team is scheduled for the end of 2004. The delegation of Serbia and Montenegro is invited to report on the preparations for the country profile.

In addition, the following countries have stated or restated their interest in having a country profile carried out: Belarus, Ukraine and Hungary.

The Committee may wish to:

- (a) Discuss the results of the workshop on the country profile for Albania, including different options for future follow-up activities with regard to the country profile on Albania as well as other reviewed countries;
- (b) Discuss the findings of the country profiles on Armenia and the Russian Federation;
- (c) Take note of the progress in the country profile study in Serbia and Montenegro;
- (d) Recommend the countries for which studies should be initiated in 2005-2006, following the suggestion by the Bureau.

Item 6 (b): Land registration and land markets

The Chairperson of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on the progress made since the previous session of the Committee and present the report of its third session (HBP/2004/6).

The Committee will be informed of the results of the land administration review of Lithuania. Experts from Germany, Finland, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the ECE secretariat undertook a research mission to Lithuania in March 2004 and prepared a land administration review. A follow-up workshop will be organized in Lithuania on 23-25 September 2004.

The results of the workshops on organizational sustainability and capacity-building held in Edinburgh (United Kingdom) on 1-3 October 2003 (HBP/WP.7/2003/5), and on title registration systems and real property markets held in Erevan (Armenia) on 6-7 May 2004 will be presented to the Committee.

Information will be provided on the finalized and the ongoing land administration studies, in particular on the Guidelines on Real Estate Units and Identifiers and on the new version of the ECE Land Administration Guidelines.

The Committee may wish to take note of the progress made by the Working Party on Land Administration and discuss ways to better articulate the profile of land administration activities in the human settlements subprogramme and to link it with other UNECE activities (environment, trade and investment, development of the information society).

Item 6 (c): Improvement of spatial planning and urban environmental performance

The delegation of Cyprus will be invited to inform the Committee of the results of the workshop on sustainable and healthy urban transport and planning, which was held in Cyprus in November 2003 (ECE/AC.21/2004/4). The main was to review and discuss good practices and lessons learned on integrating environment and health considerations into urban transport and land-use planning through case studies.

On the basis of last year's discussion of the Committee and the outcome of the joint in-depth discussion with ISOCARP, the Committee is invited to discuss the modalities for the preparation of guidelines on spatial planning systems. Following the offer of the delegation of Poland, a workshop could be organized in Poland in spring 2005 to review, inter alia, the draft guidelines.

The Bureau agreed to suggest to the Committee that the guidelines should be drafted by a consultant (to be designated). A reference group of international experts would assist the consultant.

Delegations will be invited to exchange views on the content of the guidelines in the light of the discussion held at the joint session with ISOCARP and last year's discussion (ECE/HBP/129, para. 31).

The Committee may wish to discuss a proposal of the Bureau of the conference of the Parties to the Convention to jointly on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents consider issues related to land-use planning, including the siting of hazardous activities, for example, when drawing up the guidelines and as part of the planned workshop.

The Committee may also wish to:

- (a) Consider the results of the workshop held in Cyprus and their integration into the guidelines on spatial planning systems;
- (b) Agree on the suggested organization of work for the guidelines;
- (c) Invite delegations to suggest experts for the reference group;
- (d) Support the organization of a workshop in Poland to be held in the first half of 2005;
- (e) Consider the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents when drawing up the guidelines.

Item 6 (d): Major trends characterizing human settlements development

The 9th ECE Conference on Urban and Regional Research “Sustainable and Liveable Cities” (Leeds, June 2002) stressed the need to create a common vision to help overcome the increasing fragmentation among actors in civil society, the market and the public.

In discussions held within the Bureau and the Advisory Network, it was stressed that the UNECE Conference on Urban and Regional Research should facilitate a dialogue between policy makers and researchers. To this end the Bureau agreed to seek cooperation with the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) when deciding on a theme for the next Conference and in organizing it.

The delegation of Slovakia and a representative of ENHR will be invited to inform the Committee on the progress in the preparations for the 10th Conference on Urban and Regional Research.

The Committee may wish to consider and agree on the tentative organizational arrangements for the Conference.

Item 6 (e): Housing modernization and management

The delegation of the Russian Federation will be invited to report on the results of the second workshop on housing condominiums (HBP/2004/3), which was held on 23-25 November 2003. The delegation of the Russian Federation published the UNECE Guidelines on Condominium Ownership of Housing for Countries in Transition (ECE/HBP/123) in Russian. The Chairman of the Housing and Urban Management Advisory Network will be invited to comment on the workshop’s result and make proposals on how to further promote the application of the Guidelines at the local level.

The project on guidelines on housing finance systems for countries in transition was started after the sixty-third session of the Committee. The project steering group was established to supervise the preparatory process. Mr. P. Gurtner, its Chairman, will be invited to present the final draft.

Mr. Wolfgang Förster, Chair of the task force on social housing, will be invited to report on progress in the preparations of guidelines on social housing. A preliminary draft has already been prepared for comments and feedback from the national delegations.

The second workshop on social housing will be held in Vienna on 29-30 November 2004. It will discuss the guidelines on social housing, in particular the conclusions and recommendations. Its provisional agenda has been distributed to the delegations. It is expected that the Committee’s Bureau will endorse the guidelines at its meeting in January 2005 and that they will be adopted at high-level in September 2005.

The Committee may wish to:

- (a) Take decisions on the further promotion and practical application of the Guidelines on housing condominiums;
- (b) Adopt the final draft of the guidelines on housing finance for publication;
- (c) Comment on the draft guidelines on social housing;
- (d) Provide feedback on the draft agenda for the second workshop on social housing.

Item 6 (f): Development of human settlements statistics

The secretariat will inform the Committee on a consultation on housing statistics to be organized in cooperation with the ECE Statistical Division in late 2004 or early 2005 to coordinate international work on housing statistics and to improve the Bulletin to meet the interest of ECE member States.

The Committee may wish to discuss and agree on work.

Item 7: Work of the Bureau and report of the Housing and Urban Management Advisory Network

The Chairperson of the Bureau will report on the work of the Bureau and the main decisions taken since the Committee's previous session. The Chairperson of the Housing and Urban Management Advisory Network will be invited to report on the work of the Network and suggest candidates to serve in it till the Committee's next session.

The Committee may wish to discuss cooperation with the Advisory Network and approve its membership.

Item 8: Adoption of the programme of work for 2005-2006

The Committee may wish to adopt its programme of work for 2005-2006, taking into account the discussions and the decisions reached under each programme element. Delegations may also wish to announce their contributions to those activities requiring additional extrabudgetary resources.

The United Nations programme budget proposal for the 2006-2007 biennium will be drafted in 2004. The Committee is therefore invited to discuss the following issues in relation to the next biennium: any possible changes in work directions; new priority areas to be taken up; activities to be cancelled or discontinued; new activities to be introduced; and any streamlining of documentation, publications, number and length of meetings, etc. This should be summarized in a short note and annexed to the report and subsequently transmitted to the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work to facilitate its review of the draft UNECE programme budget for 2006-2007.

As a basis for this discussion, the following conference room papers will be made available: Programme performance report 2002-2003; Strategic framework 2006-2007 (as adopted by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in June 2004).

Item 9: Other business

Information will be provided on the UNECE Trust Fund on Human Settlements. Delegations may wish to raise other issues.

Item 10: Election of officers

The Committee is expected to elect the officers for its sixty-sixth session.

Item 11: Closing of the sixty-fifth session

The Chairperson will sum up the major decisions taken by the Committee. After the session, the Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat, will draw up the report on the sixty-fifth session.

Annex



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