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Second meeting

Geneva, 5-6 July 2011

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second meeting of the Working Group on a Possible Legally Binding Instrument on Affordable, Healthy and Ecological Housing in the UNECE¹ Region*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 July 2011**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

¹ United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

* The document was delayed pending the outcome of the first meeting of the Working Group on a possible legally binding instrument on affordable, healthy and ecological housing, held on 11-12 April 2011.

** New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the Working Group on a Possible Legally Binding Instrument on Affordable, Healthy and Ecological Housing in the UNECE Region (<http://www.unece.org/hlm/wgaheh/sessions/1stsession.htm>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting, namely by 20 June 2011, either by fax (+41 22 917 0037.) or by e-mail (subashini.narasimhan@unece.org OR housing.landmanagement@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the Committee's website under "practical information for delegates"). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1514 or 917 3663.

2. Review of the updated synthesis document.
3. Discussion on a possible Framework Convention.
4. Conclusions and next steps.
5. Closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda is submitted for adoption.

2. Review of the updated synthesis document

The first meeting of the Working Group discussed the synthesis document, which summarized member States' responses to the questionnaire on a possible legally binding instrument on affordable, healthy and ecological housing. The Chair's summary of the discussion is provided in the report of the first meeting (document ECE/HBP/AC.1/2011/2).

At the first meeting of the Working Group, 19 delegations made presentations on their experience and needs relating to affordable, healthy and ecological housing. The secretariat was asked to update the synthesis document based on issues identified in the presentations, member States' requests from the floor as well as comments and suggestions reflected in the Chair's summary.

The updated synthesis document will be provided for discussion under this agenda item.

3. Discussion on a possible Framework Convention

At the first meeting of the Working Group the secretariat was also asked to prepare a note which would provide information on the role and implications of a possible Framework Convention to address housing issues, as well as include sample provisions.

The secretariat will introduce this document. The note has an informal nature and will be used to facilitate discussion under this agenda item to provide examples of possible provisions as requested by the first Working Group meeting. Participants are invited to exchange views on the feasibility, possible role and implications of a UNECE-wide instrument on housing, explore how this document could contribute to addressing policy challenges of the housing sector in the region, and provide other examples of provisions that could facilitate cooperation among member States.

4. Conclusions and next steps

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Working Group shall present its report for consideration and decision by the seventy-second session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management to be held on 3 and 4 October 2011.

The Chair will sum up the major outcomes of the meeting of the Working Group. Participants will be invited to discuss and agree on the conclusions and recommendations to be included in the report and presented to the Committee. After the meeting, the Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will prepare the report of the second meeting and submit it to the members of the Working Group and the Bureau of the Committee.

5. Closing of the meeting

Closing remarks by the Chair of the Working Group.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Tuesday, 5 July 2011	
10:00-13:00	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda
	Item 2. Review of the updated synthesis document
15:00-18:00	Item 3. Discussion on a possible Framework Convention
Wednesday, 6 July 2011	
10:00-13:00	Item 3. (continued)
	Item 4. Conclusions and next steps
	Item 5. Closing of the meeting