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Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 30 June 2011¹

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the seventy-first session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and the sixty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Europe.
3. Work of the Bureau and report of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM).
4. Discussion of the findings of the study on the challenges of fraud to land administration institutions.
5. Programme of work for 2012–2013:
 - (a) Land administration policies;
 - (b) Major trends in land administration;
 - (c) Land administration reviews.

¹ 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 Committee on Housing and Land Management (<http://www.unece.org/hlm/welcome.html>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting, namely **by 16 June 2011**, either by fax (+41 22 917 0037) or by e-mail (subashini.narasimhan@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). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1514/3663.

6. Report on the comprehensive review of the activities of the Working Party and the evaluation of the activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group.
7. Cooperation with other international organizations.
8. Election of the Bureau.
9. Other business.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda is based on progress made with respect to the implementation of the programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration. The proposed agenda and timetable were agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party and will be presented for the Working Party's consideration and approval.

The Working Party is expected to adopt the agenda.

2. Matters arising from the seventy-first session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and the sixty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party will be informed about decisions that have a bearing on its work which were taken by the Committee on Housing and Land Management at its seventy-first session (ECE/HBP/162) and by the Economic Commission for Europe at its sixty-fourth session.

Particular attention will be given to:

- (a) The decision by the Committee to set up a Working Group on a possible legally binding instrument on affordable, healthy and ecological housing in the UNECE region;
- (b) The outcome of discussions held by the Working Group at its first meeting;
- (c) The outcome of discussions held at the sixty-fourth session of the Commission which are relevant to the work of the Working Party

The Working Party is expected to take note of the information provided.

3. Reports of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration and of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

The Chair of the Bureau will inform the Working Party about the Bureau's activities.

The Chair of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) will report on its programme of work for the next biennium and on the following highlights from its activities during the last biennium:

- (a) A workshop on Greening Real Estate Markets: A Multi-stakeholder Perspective. Dessau, Germany (29-30 November 2010) (ECE/HBP/W.P.7/2011/4);

- (b) The publication of a *Policy framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets*, and the subsequent discussion of the guidelines contained in this document during roundtables in Kiev, Ukraine (18 June 2010) and Lisbon, Portugal (27 January 2011);
- (c) A side event organized during the meeting of the *Marché international des professionnels de l'immobilier (MIPIM)* that took place in Cannes, France (10 March 2011).

The Working Party will take note of the information and will be invited to discuss the upcoming activities of the Advisory Group.

4. Discussion of the findings of the study on the challenges of fraud to land administration institutions

A report on the challenges of fraud to land administration institutions was approved for publication at the Bureau meeting held in Antalya, Turkey, on 29 October 2010 and will be presented by the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/3). Delegations will be invited to present their national experience with strategies to monitor and prevent fraud in electronic registration and conveyancing.

The Working Party may wish to discuss follow-up action to improve the implementation of appropriate policies presented in the study, taking into account each country's legal and institutional framework for land administration.

5. Programme of work for 2012–2013

The Working Party will review the implementation of activities reflected in its programme of work for 2010–2011. It will also review and approve the draft programme of work for 2012–2013 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/2).

(a) Land administration policies

The following workshops were held during 2010–2011:

- (a) Efficient and Transparent Land Management in ECE Countries (Baku, 4-5 March 2010) (ECE/HBP/2010/5);
- (b) Real Property Cadastre and Registration Services in the ECE region: the Impact of "E-government" Reforms (Minsk, 8-9 June 2010) (ECE/HBP/2010/5);
- (c) Cadastral and Real Estate Registration Systems: Producing Quality Information for the Real Estate Market in the ECE Region (Rome, 5-6 May 2011) (Informal note 1).

Delegations of the countries that hosted these workshops will be invited to report on the main outcomes of the events.

The delegation of the United Kingdom will be invited to comment on the workshop to be organized there in 2012 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Her Majesty's Land Registry, the land administration agency of that country. The Working Party may wish to:

- (a) Discuss the outcomes of past workshops;
- (b) Comment on the contents and provide input on possible issues to be covered in upcoming workshops.

(b) Major trends in land administration

A workshop on Spatial Planning to Improve Security of Tenure in the ECE Region was held in Antalya, Turkey, on 28 and 29 October 2010 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/4). The delegation of Turkey will be invited to present the outcomes of this event.

The secretariat will report on a proposal of the Bureau of the Working Party to undertake a benchmarking study of land administration systems. The study will be based on two questionnaires: (a) an updated inventory of land administration systems and (b) qualitative aspects of land registration systems and related services. The study would establish benchmarks for use at the national and subregional level. The delegation of Ireland will present an introductory note that would accompany the questionnaires to be distributed to Member States (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/6).

Delegations will be invited to discuss and put forward proposals for follow-up action based on the responses to the questionnaires, including the possible publication of an updated version of the inventory of land administration systems and the study on benchmarking.

The delegation of the Netherlands will be invited to provide information on the upcoming workshop in Amsterdam (13-14 October 2011) on the topic of land administration in a network society.

The Working Party may wish to discuss and agree on specific topics for that event.

(c) Land administration reviews

The country profile study on the housing sector of Tajikistan, which contains a chapter on land administration, has been finalized and will be submitted to the government for review. The delegation of Tajikistan will be invited to report on the findings and how they intend to implement the recommendations contained in the study (ECE/HBP/163).

The secretariat will provide information on the country profile study of Ukraine, which will contain a chapter on land administration issues.

Delegations may wish to express their interest in carrying out land administration reviews in their countries.

The Working Party may wish to decide on the next land administration reviews, based on requests received.

6. Report on the comprehensive review of the activities of the Working Party and the evaluation of the activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

As outlined in the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of working parties within the UNECE (ECE/EX/1), the mandate of a Working Party is reviewed every five years by the parent Committee. The work of advisory groups is reviewed by the parent intergovernmental body every two years.

For the Committee to assess the activities of the Working Party at its seventy-second session (3-4 October 2011), the secretariat has prepared a comprehensive review of the activities undertaken during the last five years, including workshops, seminars, publications and other initiatives (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/7).

In addition, as part of a UNECE-wide self-evaluation exercise, UNECE subprogrammes are requested to undertake assessments of selected areas of work, projects or key activities. The main objectives of these self-evaluations are to help increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the work undertaken and to receive feedback on the impact of the

subprogrammes (ECE/HBP/2007/10). In the 2010–2011 biennium, a self-evaluation of the activities of the advisory groups will be undertaken to evaluate the work of the advisory bodies of the Committee and the Working Party. In the case of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group, a document has been prepared by the secretariat based on responses to a questionnaire that was distributed to country delegates (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/5).

The Working Party is expected to:

- (a) Discuss the contents of the comprehensive review of the work of the Working Party;
- (b) Provide feedback on the outcome of the self-evaluation of the activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group;
- (c) Review and, if appropriate, suggest amendments, and endorse new terms of reference for the Advisory Group, to be submitted for approval to the Committee at its seventy-second session;
- (d) Review and, if appropriate, suggest amendments to the terms of reference of the Working Party, to be submitted for approval to the Committee at its seventy-second session.

7. Cooperation with other international organizations

The Working Party has acknowledged the need to foster international cooperation among international organizations dealing with land administration issues. During its last meeting, the Bureau of the Working Party decided that the seventh session would offer an opportunity to begin discussions on the possibility of harmonizing principles and policies dealing with land administration, as they are implemented by different international institutions.

Information will be provided on cooperation and networking with other international entities such as the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), EuroGeographics, International Federation of Surveyors, the Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union and the World Bank. Representatives of these entities will be invited to deliver presentations on their activities in the domain of land administration and discuss the potential for increased cooperation among land administration authorities in the UNECE region.

The Working Party may wish to discuss ways of improving coordination among land administration authorities, including the preparation of publications and the undertaking of joint activities.

8. Election of the Bureau

The Working Party is expected to elect its Bureau for a two-year term of office.

9. Other business

Delegations wishing to discuss other issues under this item of the agenda are invited to inform the secretariat.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
Thursday, 30 June	10:00 – 10:15	1	Adoption of the agenda
	10:15 – 10:30	2	Matters arising from the seventy-first session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and the sixty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Europe
	10:30 – 12:00	3	Reports of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration and of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group
	12:00 – 13:00	4	Discussion of the findings of the study on the challenges of fraud to land administration institutions
Friday, 1 July	15:00 – 17:30	5 (a)	Programme of work for 2012-2013: Land administration policies
	09:30 – 11:30	5(b)	Programme of work for 2012-2013: Major trends in land administration
	11:30 – 12:30	5 (c)	Programme of work for 2012-2013: Land administration reviews
	14:30 – 15:30	6	Report on the comprehensive review of the activities of the Working Party and the evaluation of the activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group
	15:30 – 16:45	7	Cooperation with other international organizations
	16:45 – 17:00	8	Election of the Bureau
	17:00 – 17:30	9	Other business