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Principles and Goals for Affordable, Healthy and Ecological Housing

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT

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What are the major housing challenges in the UNECE region?

- Shortage of affordable housing
- Limited housing safety and unhealthy homes
- Poor energy efficiency and environmental soundness

Why a UNECE-wide housing policy framework is needed?

- Increase political importance and visibility of the housing sector
- Provide guidance for the development of coherent national housing policies
- Encourage implementation of sound national policies for affordable, healthy and ecological housing
- Initiate actions on pressing housing challenges at the national level

Principles to guide the UNECE-wide policy framework? (1/3)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRINCIPLE

Access to affordable housing and secure tenure:

- for peoples' well-being, and
- for ensuring a socially cohesive society

GOALS

- **Ensure housing supply**
- **Availability of housing options**
- **Development of public housing finance instruments**
- **Decent housing management**
- **Development of housing refurbishment instruments**
- **Improve residential areas**

**Principles to guide
the UNECE-wide policy framework? (2/3)**

HEALTHY AND SAFE HOUSING PRINCIPLE

**Every citizen has the right to a healthy,
safe and comfortable home**

GOALS

- **Better housing design and maintenance**
- **Ensure quality and safety of construction**
- **Provide housing for special-need groups**
- **Tackle informal settlements**

**Principles to guide
the UNECE-wide policy framework? (3/3)**

ECOLOGICAL HOUSING PRINCIPLE

**Every citizen has the right to live in ecologically sound
and energy-efficient homes**

GOALS

- **Better standards for environmental and energy performances of dwellings**
- **Ensure transformation of the housing sector towards climate neutrality**
- **Improve energy efficiency in existing housing**
- **Sustainable housing maintenance and utility systems**
- **Affordability of eco-housing**

Proposals for consideration by CHLM

- **Endorse Principles and Goals for Affordable, Healthy and Ecological Housing**
- **Recommend to integrate Principles and Goals in the national housing policies and strategies of UNECE member States**
- **Set up a Working Group; review and agree on its Terms of Reference**
- **Request to present the findings of the Working Group at the next session of the CHLM**

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