

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meeting with remote participation  
of the 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, 6-8 October 2020**

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3	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	<p>22. The Committee, taking into account the absence of consensus on the venue of the Forum of Mayors 2021, decided to defer the following draft decision<sup>1</sup> to the ECE Executive Committee and invited the Executive Committee to take action as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>“The Committee :</p> <p>(a) [Decided that the Forum of Mayors 2021 will take place in Murmansk, Russian Federation; dates of the meeting will be communicated in due course after consultation with the host country];</p> <p>(b) Decided that the Forum of Mayors will take place in 2022 in Geneva, subject to initial positive assessment by the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in 2021 of the previous two forums (in 2020 and 2021);</p> <p>(c) Invited the organizers of the upcoming Forums, as appropriate, to take into account the negative impact of the pandemic on international travel and to plan accordingly, including for virtual participation, to ensure the highest possible geographical representation;</p> <p>(d) Invited the Forum of Mayors Steering Committee to prepare draft Terms of Reference for the evaluation of the Forum of Mayors 2020 session, to be considered and adopted at the next Committee session (in 2021), and take into consideration, inter alia, the following parameters for the evaluation to be presented by the Steering Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation of mayors (at least 20 mayors participated, both online and in person);</li> <li>2. Interest to host by member States (at least one request by a city or a country to host the Forum received), as well as relevant costs;</li> <li>3. Relevance of the Forum agenda to the United Nations priorities (the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda, the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and other);</li> <li>4. Visibility of the event and media impact (social media posts reposted/shared by others);</li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> Paragraphs (b) to (i) were agreed ad referendum by the Committee on Urban Development, Housing, and Land Management at its 81<sup>st</sup> session.

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4b	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	33. The Committee endorsed the ECE Protocol on the Evaluation of City Performance Against the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities to provide guidance to the work of the ECE secretariat on the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities.
5	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	36. The Committee endorsed the proposal to use the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities as a backbone for the development of Voluntary Local Reviews in cities in the region and to develop guidelines for the use of the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities in the preparation of Voluntary Local Reviews.
6a	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	41. The Committee took note of the information provided, made comments and recommendations for the future implementation of the #Housing 2030 - Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region study and approved the study report as an official ECE publication in English and Russian, digital and print. The Committee further took note of the progress of the study Housing for Migrants and Refugees in the UNECE region: challenges and practices and approved it as official digital ECE publication in English and Russian.
6b	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	44. The Committee took note of: (a) Activities of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency in Building 2019-2020, including its publications, projects, and capacity-building activities; (b) Information provided by the ECE Sustainable Energy Division on the Updated Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (ECE/ENERGY/GE.6/2020/4); and (c) Ongoing and planned activities of the Joint Task Force in accordance with its Terms of Reference for 2020-2021 (ECE/ENERGY/2019/8), including the project and related activities.
6c	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	47. The Committee welcomed the <i>International Fire Safety Standards: Common Principles: "Safe Buildings Save Lives"</i> to be published as an ECE standard and invited representatives of national and local governments and stakeholders to apply the Common Principles to promote the safety of buildings.

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7	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	<p>52. The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Agreed on the proposal for the Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in 2021 as outlined in document ECE/HBP/2020/10 and invited the Bureau to organize the Ministerial Meeting;</li> <li>(b) Recalled the decision at its eightieth session and reiterated that the eighty-second session of the Committee will consist of the Forum of Mayors (on day 1), the regular session of the Committee, and the Ministerial Meeting;</li> <li>(c) The Ministerial meeting will be titled: “Affordable, adequate, and resilient housing in liveable cities, including cities which face extreme weather conditions”.</li> </ul>
8a	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	<p>55. The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Took note of the information on activities of the Geneva UN Centres for Sustainable Housing and Sustainable Smart Cities and made recommendations for future work; and</li> <li>(b) Endorsed the <i>Guidelines for establishing Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Housing and Sustainable Smart Cities and modalities of their work.</i></li> </ul>

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9	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	<p>62. The Committee took note of:</p> <p>(a) The implementation of the Working Party programmes of work 2018-2019 and 2020-2021;</p> <p>(b) The preparations of the twelfth session of the Working Party on 31 May- June 2021; and</p> <p>(c) The preparations of the study <i>Scenario Study on Future Land Administration in the UNECE region to Encourage Strategy Consultations and National Interventions</i> (ECE/HBP/2020/Inf.12).</p>
10	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	<p>64. The Committee:</p> <p>(a) Welcomed the implementation of recommendations of country profiles of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova and Uzbekistan;</p> <p>(b) Took note of the preparation of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and land Management of Albania.</p>
11	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	<p>66. The Committee:</p> <p>(a) Took note of the information on activities implemented by the Committee under its programmes of work 2018-2019 and 2020;</p> <p>(b) Adopted the programme of work 2021 and recommended it to the ECE Executive Committee for approval;</p>

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		(c) Approved the list of activities proposed for 2021 containing detailed information on all activities needed to implement the 2021 programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme, as contained in (ECE/HBP/2020/3).
12	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	68. The Committee: (a) Approved the proposal for official publications and promotional materials for 2022 of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme; (b) Approved the publication of the Sustainable Smart Cities Profile for Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan) in English and Russian, digital and print, instead of the Survey on Land Administration Systems; (c) Approved the publication of the Sustainable Smart Cities Profiles for Alesund, Asker, Rana and Trondheim (all in Norway) as official ECE publications in English, digital and print.
13	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	70. The Committee approved the following topic for the subprogramme evaluation to be conducted in 2022: “Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management and smart sustainable city profiles as tools to support the evidence-based approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”.
14	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	72. The Committee took note of the information on the status of extrabudgetary support to the programmes of work 2020 and 2021 and invited countries to offer pledges to support the implementation of these programmes of work.
15	<a href="http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf">http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/sessions/docs2020/Draft_Report_81_CUDHLM_session_vers_6_November_2020.pdf</a>	73. The Committee elected the Bureau members, including its Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the eighty-second session. The Committee elected the following individuals to hold office until the end of the eighty-second session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Doris Andoni, Albania (Chair)</li> <li>• Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli, Azerbaijan (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Ms. Aša Rogelj, Slovenia (Vice-Chair)</li> <li>• Mr. Dmitry Doroshevich, Belarus</li> <li>• Ms. Marie Mohylova, Czech Republic</li> </ul>

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