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WORKING GROUP ON AGEING

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Brussels (Belgium) 22–23 March 2012

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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BUREAU**

The meeting will be held at the Federal Public Social Security Service in Brussels, Belgium, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 March 2011. The working language will be English only. Documents will be distributed by e-mail as soon as they become available.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Progress on implementation of the WGA work programme (policy brief, capacity development)
3. Second cycle of review and appraisal of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (RIS/MIPAA): draft synthesis report
4. Negotiation of the declaration for the Ministerial Conference
5. Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2012: organizational matters (agenda, panellists, research and civil society forums, etc.)
6. Agenda of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Ageing
7. Any other business
8. Summary and closing of the meeting

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday, 22 March

Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda (9.30 – 9.45 a.m.)

1. The Chairperson (Ms. Erika Winkler) will open the meeting.
2. The Chairperson together with the secretariat will report on the outcome of the Executive Committee meeting (December 2011) and any further developments in the UNECE review process.
3. The Bureau will adopt the agenda of the meeting and will take note on the secretariat's report.

Item 2: Progress on implementation of the WGA work programme (9.45 – 10.45 a.m.)
– for discussion and recommendations

4. The secretariat will provide an overview of work progress since December 2011:
 - (a) Publication of the “Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in the Republic of Moldova” and in-depth discussion paper “Active Ageing and Quality of Life in Old Age”
 - (b) Capacity-building training workshop on “Community services for the elderly” in Haifa/Israel (5 - 14 March 2012)
 - (c) A first draft of the policy brief on the topic “Active Ageing”.
5. The Bureau will discuss draft policy brief on “Active Ageing” and provide suggestions including additional good practice examples.
6. The European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research (ECV) will provide a short overview on a new project on “Active Ageing Index” (AAI) undertaken jointly with UNECE and financed by the European Commission in 2012.
7. The secretariat will briefly inform the Bureau on UNECE activities under the AAI project and will invite interested Bureau members to join informal expert/stakeholder group together with members from the Conference of European Statisticians and demographers to discuss and provide feedback on the proposed AAI methodology and use.
8. The secretariat will also inform the Bureau on a global survey for the “ICPD Beyond 2014 Operational Review” organised by United Nations Population Fund and the UNECE’s role in it as stipulated in the General Assembly Resolution 65/234.
9. The Bureau will be invited to take note of these activities by the UNECE Population Unit and support UNECE in convening an informal expert/stakeholder group on AAI.

Item 3: Second cycle of review and appraisal of the RIS/MIPAA: draft synthesis report (10.45– 12.30 a.m.)
– for discussion and recommendations

10. The secretariat will provide a first draft of the synthesis report based on the submitted country reports for the second review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA/RIS. ECV will be invited to report on any progress made with regard an empirical annex to the synthesis report.
11. The Bureau will be invited to comment on the first draft of the synthesis report and its annex.

Item 4: Negotiation of the declaration for the Ministerial Conference (2.30 – 5.30 p.m.)
– for discussion and recommendations

12. At the fourth meeting of the Working Group a concept note for declaration drafting was presented and agreed upon. Building up on the concept note the Declaration Drafting Group (DDG) developed the first draft of the declaration text. The Group will present this first draft for discussion and negotiations at the Bureau meeting.
13. The Bureau will be invited to agree upon substantive elements and possible changes to the presented draft. The second draft of declaration will be prepared after the meeting on Thursday by Austria/DDG and tabled for discussion at the morning session on Friday, 23 March 2012.

Item 4: (continue) Negotiation of the declaration for the Ministerial Conference
(9.00 – 10.30 a.m.)
– for discussion and recommendations

14. The Bureau is expected to finalise the second draft of declaration and agree on its dissemination to all WGA member States for electronic consultations by UNECE secretariat in coordination with Austria. The Bureau will decide on the length of the consultation period.

Item 5: Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2012: organizational matters (agenda, panellists, research & NGO forums, other side events)
(10.30 – 12.30 a.m. and after lunch, 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.)
- for discussion and recommendations

15. The representative of Austria will present an updated provisional agenda for the Ministerial Conference and will report on the progress made regarding the invitation of speakers and the communication strategy.

16. Coordinators of the research and civil society forum will report on progress made in the organisation of their events.

17. The secretariat and representatives of Austria will inform on preparations of planned side-events (poster session, Active Ageing Index presentation, etc.).

18. The Bureau will make further suggestions on the organisation of the conference.

Item 6: Agenda of the fifth meeting of the Working Group (3.30 – 4.15 p.m.)
– for decision

19. The secretariat will present a draft provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of the Working Group, which is scheduled for 22 and 23 November 2012.

20. Bureau members will discuss and decide on the main items for the agenda.

21. Under this item, the Bureau is expected also to outline suggestions for a new programme of work of WGA anticipating main outcomes of the Ministerial Conference and WGA funding situation.

Item 7: Any other business (4.15 – 4.30 p.m.)

22. Any other business or information may be brought up under this agenda item.

Item 8: Summary and closing of the meeting (4.30 – 4.45 p.m.)
– for approval

23. The Chairperson will summarize and close the meeting.

24. The Bureau will decide on the date of its next meeting.