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#### **The WGA work programme for the fourth implementation cycle of the MIPAA/RIS in 2018-2022**

### **Preparations for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

## **I. Introduction**

1. The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, foresaw the systematic review of its implementation by Member States as an essential element for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons. Subsequently, the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, and the Commission for Social Development, in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action implementation every five years.

2. The United Nations Regional Commissions, within their mandates, were requested to promote and facilitate the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action and lead the review and appraisal of it at the regional level, as well as to convene regional review and appraisal events. In the ECE region, the first regional conference was held in Berlin, Germany, in September 2002 where ECE member States adopted a regional implementation strategy (RIS) in order to focus on the specificities of the demographic and economic situation in the region. The subsequent three review and appraisal cycles of MIPAA/RIS concluded with the Ministerial Declarations endorsed by the ECE Ministerial Conferences on ageing: on 6-8 November 2007, hosted by Spain in León; on 19-20

September, hosted by Austria in Vienna; and on 20-22 September 2017, hosted by Portugal in Lisbon, respectively.

3. The commitment to MIPAA/RIS and engagement in the review and appraisal process of the ECE countries became greater with every cycle. For the third cycle review a total of 47 national reports were submitted in 2017 compared to 40 reports in 2012 and 35 reports in 2007. For each review and appraisal cycle the ECE secretariat summarized main trends of MIPAA/RIS implementation and highlighted progress and challenges identified in the national reports in the respective Synthesis reports. The Synthesis reports issued in 2012 and 2017 included also statistical annexes, the latter one based on the Active Ageing Index indicators.

## **II. Preparations for the fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS**

4. The decision of the United Nations Commission for Social Development about the modalities for the fourth review and appraisal cycle is to be taken at its fifty-eighth session in February 2020 and is expected to be similar to the previous review and appraisal exercises. In the process, synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the follow-up to the 25-year review of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD +25) will be sought, especially in the context of responding to population dynamics within a human rights framework, including women's empowerment and gender equality.

5. In preparation of the fourth periodic review and appraisal of the implementation of MIPAA/RIS in the ECE region, a 20-year review of developments may be considered in addition to the more specific follow-up on the implementation of the Lisbon Declaration objectives. The twentieth anniversary of the Madrid International Plan may also provide an opportunity to revisit the Regional Implementation Strategy with an aim to enhance its alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The decision on these matters has to be taken by the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) once the modalities for a global MIPAA review are agreed upon.

6. To ensure timely and successful completion of the fourth review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA/RIS in 2022 in the ECE region, the initial preparations have to start at the twelfth meeting of WGA in 2019 with an agreement on the timeline and milestones of the review process. A suggested preliminary timeline is presented in the annex to this document. It is based on the assumption that the ECE regional review and appraisal cycle will conclude with the fifth Ministerial Conference in early summer of 2022. Adjustments may be necessary in case a more comprehensive 20-year review will be considered.

7. The national review and appraisal exercises and resulting country reports are crucial part of the MIPAA/RIS review at the regional level. The elements of guidelines on report preparation and national reporting mechanisms will be discussed at the twelfth meeting of WGA. All ECE member States will be encouraged to consider early on how to incorporate a participatory approach into the reporting (e.g. with the help of a conference, multi-stakeholder task force or by other means). Based on the outcomes of the discussion at its meeting in spring 2020, the WGA Bureau will finalize and disseminate the guidelines for country report preparation in September 2020. This will give member States about 12 months to document progress made and prepare country reports on the implementation of MIPAA/RIS and achievement of the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration goals. The secretariat, based on the submitted country reports, will prepare a synthesis report in spring 2022.

8. The preparatory work for the fifth ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing will start with the decision of the Commission for Social Development about the fourth review and appraisal exercise at its fifty-eighth session in February 2020. Subsequently, the WGA Bureau at its spring meeting in 2020 will invite ECE member States to consider hosting the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing. The potential host country will be invited to prepare a concept note for the fifth Ministerial Conference for discussion at the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group in 2020.

9. At its thirteenth meeting, the Working Group will start to function as the preparatory committee for the conference and will make a decision about its preliminary title and the possible political outcome document to conclude the fourth cycle of the review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS. The (extended) Bureau will guide the preparations for the conference between the annual sessions of the Working Group and may consider dividing the tasks between the two subgroups: conference preparation group and declaration (outcome document) drafting group. The host country will set up a conference support team led by a high-level representative and will work in close cooperation with the WGA Bureau and the secretariat.

10. The fourth review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA/RIS will conclude with the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing in 2022. Its outcome document and summary of the discussions together with the Synthesis report will be provided as an input for the United Nations Secretary-General report to the sixty-first session of the Commission for Social Development and any global event concluding the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

## Annex

### **Draft timeline for the fourth cycle of MIPAA/RIS review and appraisal**

(for consideration at the twelfth WGA meeting)

November 2019 – twelfth WGA meeting – agreement on:

- main elements of guidelines for national focal points and stakeholders on preparation of country reports;
- country report submission deadline – September 2021 (tbd);
- synthesis report deadline – March 2022 (tbd);
- MIPAA/RIS+20 report preparation (tbd);
- Ministerial Conference preliminary date – June 2022 or fall 2022 (tbd).

Spring 2020 – twelfth WGA Bureau meeting:

- first draft of the country report preparation guidelines for national focal points and stakeholders;
- call for volunteers to host Ministerial Conference issued to all ECE member States.

September 2020 – ad-hoc Bureau meeting (WEBEX):

- final draft of the country report guidelines, dissemination to national focal points;
- start of national review process.

November 2020 – thirteenth WGA meeting – decisions on:

- WGA acting as a Preparatory committee for the fifth ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing;
- Ministerial Conference venue and date – presentation by a host country;
- extended WGA Bureau to divide tasks between (1) declaration drafting group and (2) conference preparation group.

Spring 2021 – thirteenth WGA Bureau meeting:

- concept note of the Ministerial Declaration;
- preliminary outline on the structure of the Ministerial Conference;
- decision about conveners of civil society and researchers' forums.

April–October 2021 – Declaration drafting group:

- 15 July 2021 (tbd) - first draft of the Ministerial Declaration – for WGA comments (July–August 2021).
- 15 October (tbd) - second draft of the Ministerial Declaration – for consultation with member States and civil society (October–November 2021).

April–October 2021 – Conference preparation group:

- 25 July 2021 (tbd) – annotated programme of the Ministerial Conference;
- 10 September 2021 (tbd) – list of potential speakers and session moderators
- 15 September 2021 (tbd) – preliminary outline for the civil society and researchers’ forums and proposed list of potential participants.

September 2021 (tbd) – deadline for submission of national reports on MIPAA/RIS implementation.

November 2021 – fourteenth WGA meeting / Preparatory committee meeting:

- information on the country reports submission;
- review of member States’ comments and finalization of the Ministerial Declaration draft for the second round of consultations (December 2021 – 10 February 2022 (tbd));
- agreement on the Ministerial Conference programme and information on the potential high-level participation;
- communication programme and possible side events at the Ministerial Conference.

Early spring 2022 (tbd) – fourteenth meeting of the extended WGA Bureau:

- final draft of the Ministerial Declaration;
- annotated agenda of the Ministerial Conference;
- confirmed speakers and moderators;
- confirmed high-level participants;
- planned side events;
- draft synthesis report on the implementation of MIPAA/RIS;
- draft report on MIPAA/RIS+20 (tbd).

June 2022 (tbd) – Ministerial Conference on Ageing preceded by the civil society and researchers’ forums.

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