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### Standing Working Group on Ageing

#### Thirteenth meeting

Geneva, 19 and 20 November 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Thursday,  
19 November 2020 at 10 a.m.\*

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Work of the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2020.
3. New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Country experiences: aligning policy measures and strategies on ageing with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration.
5. Fourth cycle of review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy:
  - (a) Launching the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy;

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\* Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the meeting will be held in a hybrid format, which allows delegates to attend in person in Geneva or connect virtually. For this reason, the agenda may need to be adjusted at a later stage. Information regarding virtual participation will be provided closer to the meeting date. Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations are requested to register online using the electronic procedure available from the web page of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53052>). On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section at the Prégny gate (14 Avenue de la Paix). For the information for delegates see <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.



- (b) Preparations for the regional Ministerial conference in 2022: brainstorming sessions of the discussion groups on the conference theme, structure and possible outcome document.
6. The Standing Working Group on Ageing work programme for the fourth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing - implemented activities in 2020 and plans for 2021:
- (a) International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion:
    - (i) Policy seminars on ageing;
    - (ii) Policy briefs;
  - (b) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building
    - (i) Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing;
    - (ii) Road maps on mainstreaming ageing.
  - (c) Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building evidence base for policymaking.
7. Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021
8. Financing of the work programme.
9. Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting.

## II. Annotations

### 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Documentation: *Annotated provisional agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2020/1)

1. The provisional agenda contained in the present document is based on the draft outline agreed upon by the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) at its twelfth meeting (ECE/WG.1/2020/3). The Working Group will be asked to adopt the agenda.

### 2. Work of the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2020

Documentation: *Report of the twelfth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2020/3); *Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002* (E/CN.5/2020/L.3 ) and *Terms of Reference of the Standing Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/EX/2019/L.1)

2. The Chair will report on the decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 27-28 April 2020 and will outline the suggestions to strengthen the visibility of the Working Group and its cooperation with the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in New York.

3. The outcomes of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (10-19 February 2020) including the resolution on 'Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002' will be presented by the Vice-Chair.

4. The secretariat will inform about the United Nations Economic and Social Council decision regarding the transformation of the Working Group on Ageing to a Standing Working Group on Ageing and revised Terms of Reference.

5. Working Group members will be invited to share their views and discuss the opportunities for strengthening work on ageing that the revised TOR provide for.

### **3. New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

6. The representative of the World Health Organisation will brief on the launch of the Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030) by the 73rd World Health Assembly in 2020.

7. The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons and representatives of various international organizations (World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, International Telecommunication Union, and others) will inform the Working Group about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

### **4. Country experiences: aligning policy measures and strategies on ageing with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration**

8. Member States (to be confirmed) will present their policies on population ageing and actions undertaken in line with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. The presentations will be followed by discussion and all SWGA members will have an opportunity to briefly share most recent relevant experiences. In order to allocate sufficient time for interventions, interested member States are requested to contact the secretariat at least two weeks before the meeting.

### **5. Fourth cycle of review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy**

#### **(a) Launching the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy**

Documentation: *Preparations for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2019/RD1)

9. The guidelines for preparation of national reports were disseminated by the Bureau of the Working Group in September 2020 and with this the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS) was launched.

10. Member States will be expected to submit their national reports on the progress of MIPAA/RIS implementation in September 2021. The timely submission of national reports and their adherence to the guidelines will be crucial for the secretariat's work on synthesis report for the fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS.

11. The Chair will invite the member States to inform the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) about their plans for the national review process including involvement of various stakeholders. The Working Group will also be expected to discuss the preparation of MIPAA/RIS+20 report as a background document for the Ministerial conference.

#### **(b) Preparations for the regional Ministerial conference in 2022: brainstorming sessions of the discussion groups on the conference theme, structure and possible outcome document.**

Documentation: *'UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2022' – a concept note prepared by Italy*

12. Following the presentation of a concept note by the representative of Italy, the discussion groups (one group per priority theme of the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration) will retreat to discuss the theme and structure of the 2022 Ministerial conference and possible background documents to inform the discussion. Leaders/rapporteurs of each group will

bring back a summary of the deliberations to the plenary. Based on this, the Chair will facilitate reaching an agreement on the way forward.

13. The Chair will invite the WGA meeting participants to commence discussion on the eventual outcome document of the 2022 Ministerial conference. The participants will break up into three discussion groups to explore ideas for the ministerial declaration or other outcome document (both the process of drafting and actual content of the document). Leaders/ rapporteurs of each group will bring back a summary of the deliberations to the plenary. Based on this, the Chair will facilitate reaching an agreement on the way forward.

## **6. The Standing Working Group on Ageing work programme for the fourth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing - implemented activities in 2020 and plans for 2021**

Documentation: *Implementation of the Work Programme of the Working Group on Ageing in 2020* (ECE/WG.1/2020/4)

14. The secretariat will present the elements of the work programme implemented in 2020 and planned activities for 2021. In the following these are thematically grouped and will be discussed together. Under this agenda item members of the WGA will be invited to adopt the implementation report 2020: the programme of work for 2021 will be further discussed under item 7.

### **(a) International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion**

#### **(i) Policy seminars on ageing**

15. The Chair will invite the WGA members to provide the feedback and suggestions for a follow-up on the third policy seminar on Ageing that took place on 18 November 2020, at the eve of the WGA meeting.

16. The secretariat will brief on the survey outcomes regarding the theme of the next policy seminar (planned for 24 November 2021) and will invite the Working Group to express their views about the possible topic of the 'in-focus' lecture and in-depth discussion.

#### **(ii) Policy briefs**

Documentation: *Policy Brief No. 23 on Gender equality in ageing societies, Policy Brief No. 24 on Ageing in sustainable and smart cities and Policy Brief No. 25 on Older persons in emergency situations ( draft).*

17. The secretariat will inform about the published Policy briefs in the first part of 2020 and present a [final] draft of Policy Brief No. 25 on older persons in emergency situations. Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the presented documents.

18. The secretariat will present an initial outline for Policy Brief No. 26 on ageing in the digital era and invite meeting participants to comment on it and share national experiences in this field.

### **(b) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building**

Documentation: *Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing (draft); Roadmap for Mainstreaming Ageing for Kazakhstan (final draft)*

#### **(i) Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing**

19. The Chair together with the secretariat will report on the work done in 2020 by the Taskforce on Mainstreaming Ageing and present the final draft of the Guidelines. The presentation will be followed by discussion focusing on the launch of the Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing and eventual capacity building workshops and seminars.

**(ii) Road maps on mainstreaming ageing**

20. The secretariat will present the core findings and recommendations of the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Kazakhstan. The representative of Kazakhstan will be invited to inform about the national actions taken or planned in the area of mainstreaming ageing.

21. The members of the SWGA will be invited to inform the group about the relevant trainings, workshops and seminars held in the course of 2020.

**(c) Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building evidence base for policymaking**

22. The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the monitoring activities under the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA/RIS), and tools for building evidence for policymaking. Meeting participants will hear about the work done in 2020 to compute the 2020 Active Ageing Index (AAI) for the European Union countries and several other ECE member States.

23. Member States will be invited to share their experiences in using monitoring tools and indicators and reflect on whether and how regular updates of AAI could be incorporated in the work programme of the Working Group.

24. The secretariat will also brief SWGA on the recent developments in the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) followed by a discussion about the use of GGP data as an evidence base for policymaking in the region. Representatives of member States who recently joined GGP will be invited to share their views on this matter.

**7. Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021**

Documentation: *Draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021* (ECE/WG.1/2020/5)

25. In December 2017, the General Assembly approved the change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis from 2020 onwards (resolution 72/266). The draft programme of work for 2021 follows the annual format introduced from 2020, with amendments reflecting General Assembly resolution 74/251 adopted in December 2019. The Working Group will be invited to adopt and recommend to the Executive Committee for approval the draft Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021.

**8. Financing of the work programme**

26. The secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the programme, including budget allocations of recent donations, and identify areas that require further contribution. Members of the Working Group will be invited to pledge and to discuss funding opportunities.

27. The meeting participants will be informed of recent developments regarding the preparation of the United Nations plan and budget, and the possible implications for the work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing.

**9. Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting**

28. The SWGA members wishing to discuss other issues under this agenda item are invited to inform the secretariat before the meeting.

29. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the decisions taken at the annual session of the Working Group on Ageing.