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Geneva, 19 and 20 November 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Monday,
19 November 2018 at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Report of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2018:
 - (a) The Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing;(b) Outcome of consultations on transforming the Working Group on Ageing to a standing intergovernmental body (follow-up to paragraph 38 of the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration);
 - (c) The fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development and the fifty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development.
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.

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5. The 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 (2018-2022):
 - (a) Implementation of the main elements of the Working Group on Ageing work programme in 2018 and planned outputs in 2019:
 - (i) Policy Briefs;
 - (ii) Capacity-building;
 - (iii) Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing implementation and building evidence base for policymaking.
 - (b) The 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:
 - (i) Areas of focus – responding to the goals of the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11;
 - (ii) New and continuing elements in the work.
6. Report and discussion on the outcome of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Conference on ICPD+25 “Enabling Choices: Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development” (1-2 October 2018, Geneva):
 - (a) Key messages of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Report with regards to ageing;
 - (b) Main conclusions of the conference with regards to ageing.
7. Reform of the United Nations Budget planning and budgeting process.
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 eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2018/1)

1. The provisional agenda contained in the present document is based on the draft outline agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) at its tenth meeting (ECE/WG.1/2018/3) and is presented for approval. The Working Group is asked to adopt the agenda.

2. Report of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2018

(a) The Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing

Documentation: *Report of the tenth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2018/3)

2. The report of the Bureau meeting will be presented by the representative of Slovenia, the host country of the meeting.

(b) Outcome of consultations on transforming the Working Group on Ageing to a standing intergovernmental body (follow-up to paragraph 38 of the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration)

Documentation: *Draft proposal to transform the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Group on Ageing into a standing intergovernmental body: Note by the Bureau (ECE/WG.1/2018/RD1)*

3. The Chair will report on the outcome of consultations with member States in response to the paragraph 38 of the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration. The Working Group will be invited to discuss further possible actions depending on the consultation outcome and prepare a statement for the Executive Committee if required.

(c) The fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development and the fifty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development

Documentation: *Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (draft resolution E/CN.5/2018/L.3)*

4. The fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development took place on 29 January – 7 February 2018 during which the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (MIPAA) concluded with a High-level panel and numerous side events. The Vice-chair will brief WGA on the High-level panel discussion and related draft resolution of the fifty-sixth Session of the Commission for Social Development.

5. The fifty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development took place from 9 to 13 April 2018 under the theme “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration”. The secretariat will provide a brief overview of the discussions and outcomes related to ageing issues.

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

6. Representatives of the international organizations (World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, and others) will inform the Working Group about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing. The representative of the International Social Security Association will present a forthcoming International Actuarial Association’s report on inequalities. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

7. The secretariat will brief the Working Group on the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development that took place on 1-2 March 2018 in Geneva and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs in New York on 9-18 July 2018. The WGA potential contribution to the 2019 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development will be discussed under this item. (The 2019 HLPF theme will be “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” providing an opportunity for WGA to report on the contribution of MIPAA implementation to ensuring that older persons are not left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level.)

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

8. The Czech Republic and two other 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 WGA members will have an opportunity to briefly share most recent relevant experiences. In order to allocate sufficient time for interventions, the interested member States are requested to contact the secretariat at least two weeks before the meeting.

5. The 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 (2018-2022)

(a) Implementation of the main elements of the Working Group on Ageing work programme in 2018 and planned outputs in 2019

Documentation: *Implementation of the Work Programme of the Working Group on Ageing in 2018* (ECE/WG.1/2018/4)

(i) Policy Briefs

Documentation: *Draft Policy Brief "Ageism as a barrier to a longer working life"*

9. The secretariat will inform the Working Group about publication of the Policy Brief #20 "Innovative social services and supportive measures for independent living in advanced age" and present a draft of Policy Brief #21 on "Ageism as a barrier to a longer working life". Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the presented document.

10. The Working Group will be reminded that according to the Bureau decision, Policy Brief #22 will focus on informal carers (to be prepared in late spring 2019, with no extrabudgetary funding). Policy Brief #23 would be on ageing in urban environments and funded by Germany (second half of 2019).

(ii) Capacity-building

11. The secretariat will briefly report on a national seminar in Poland in June 2018 co-organized with the Polish Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy under the Active Ageing Index project. Members of the Working Group will be invited to report on their capacity-building initiatives, workshops and seminars held in 2018 or planned for 2019.

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

12. 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. The member States will be invited to share their experiences and suggest possible additional activities under this item.

13. Meeting participants will hear about the work done in 2018 under the third phase of the Active Ageing Index (AAI) project, including the organization of the second international seminar on AAI (27-28 September 2018, Bilbao, Spain) and preparation of

guidelines for the AAI calculation at subnational levels as well as for countries with statistical system different from that of EU. As the third phase of the AAI project will be coming to completion in 2019, WGA will be invited to reflect on how regular updates of AAI could be incorporated in the work programme for the fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS.

14. The secretariat will also brief WGA 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.

(b) The 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

Documentation: *Main elements of the programme of work for 2018-2022*
(ECE/WG.1/2018/RD2)

15. The Chair will present elements of a draft work programme for the fourth cycle of the MIPAA/RIS implementation (2018-2022). The meeting participants will be invited to split into discussion groups to have a more detailed exchange on work programme elements during two break-out sessions.

(i) Areas of focus – responding to the goals of the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and integrating SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11

16. The new work programme will have to take into account the mandate provided by the 2017 Ministerial Conference and the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe. The Chair will refer to the three main policy goals indicated in the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and will invite the Working Group to discuss whether these are appropriately reflected in the draft work programme. The Working Group will be expected to agree on areas to be included in the work programme.

(ii) New and continuing elements in the work programme

17. Taking into account the Bureau suggestions, the secretariat will briefly outline the main elements in the WGA five-year work programme: policy seminars, inter-agency coordination, policy briefs, using AAI for monitoring MIPAA/RIS and building on evidence from GGP, development of guidelines on mainstreaming ageing, road maps and peer assessments of the existing national policies on population ageing.

18. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the importance and feasibility of the individual work programme elements to be included for 2018-2022. The Working Group will be asked to suggest new programme elements and/or discontinue some current elements in order to better respond to the agreed focus areas for the new work programme.

6. Report and discussion on the outcome of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Conference on ICPD+25 “Enabling Choices: Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development” (1-2 October 2018, Geneva)

Documentation: *Report of the High-Level Regional Conference on ICPD+25*
(ECE/AC.32/2018/2) and *Extracts from the UNECE Regional Report on ICPD+25*
(ECE/AC.32/2018/3)

(a) **Key messages of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Report with regards to ageing**

19. The Working Group will be presented with the key findings from the UNECE Regional Report paying a particular attention to the aspects of population ageing and intergenerational relations. In this conjunction, the ageing-related indicators included in the Regional Monitoring Framework for the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will also be briefly discussed.

(b) **Main conclusions of the conference with regards to ageing**

20. The secretariat will present a summary of the conference discussion in relation to ageing and intergenerational relations. The Working Group members who participated in the regional conference will be invited to share their views on the conference outcomes and its relevance to the WGA work.

7. Reform of the United Nations Budget planning and budgeting process

Documentation: (ECE/WG.1/2018/INF1)

21. The Working Group on Ageing will be informed of recent developments regarding the preparation of the United Nations plan and budget, and the implications for the work of the Working Group. The Working Group members will be invited to provide comments on the Population component's draft Budget Plan for 2020 included in the ECE/WG.1/2018/INF1 document.

8. Financing of the work programme

22. 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.

9. Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting

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

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

III. Tentative timetable

Time

Agenda Item

**Monday,
19 November 2018**

10:00 – 10:30

Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Item 2: Report of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing and

	briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2018
10:30 – 10:40	(a) The Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing
10:40 – 11:10	(b) Outcome of consultations on transforming the Working Group on Ageing to a standing intergovernmental body (follow-up to paragraph 38 of the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration)
11:10 – 11:20	(c) The fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development and the fifty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development
11:20 – 12:00	Item 3: New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
12:00 – 13:00	Item 4: Country experiences: aligning policy measures and strategies on ageing with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
	Item 5: The 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 (2018-2022)
15:00 – 16:15	(a) Implementation of the main elements of the Working Group on Ageing work programme in 2018 and planned outputs in 2019
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	(b) The 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 – First break-out session of the discussion groups: focus on informal carers in preparation of Policy Brief #22
18:00	Closing of the first day

**Tuesday,
20 November 2018**

09:30 – 10:00	Plenary session: A brief summary of the decisions and discussion of Monday, 19 November
10:00 – 12:30	Item 5 (cont.): The 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 (2018-2022) (b) The 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 – Report from the discussion groups on the first break-out session – Second break-out session of the discussion groups: sharing experience on mainstreaming ageing/inputs for guidelines

12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 15:10	Item 5 (cont.): The 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 (2018-2022) – Summary of the discussions and adoption of the work programme for 2018-2022
15:10 – 15:40	Item 6: Report and discussion on the outcome of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Conference on ICPD+25 “Enabling Choices: Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development” (1-2 October 2018, Geneva)
15:40 – 16:10	Item 7: Reform of the United Nations Budget planning and budgeting process
16:10 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:00	Item 8: Financing of the work programme
17:00 – 17:30	Item 9: Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting
17:30	Closing of the meeting
