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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth meeting

**To be held as a hybrid meeting at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
beginning on Monday, 22 November 2021 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 2021.
3. New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Fourth cycle of review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy:
 - (a) National review processes and briefing on the received country reports.
 - (b) Outlines for the Synthesis and MIPAA/RIS+20 reports.
 - (c) Preparations for the regional Ministerial Conference on Ageing in 2022:
 - (i) Organizational matters of the Conference;
 - (ii) Research and civil society forum format and preliminary agenda.
 - (d) Deliberations on the proposed thematic content of the Ministerial Conference and a draft text of the Ministerial Declaration.
 - (i) Breakout sessions - work in discussion groups;
 - (ii) Plenary discussion and agreement on the format and preliminary agenda of the Ministerial Conference;

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- (iii) Plenary discussion and agreement on a draft text of the Ministerial Declaration for official consultation with member States.
- 5. 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 2021 and plans for 2022:
 - (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 and a toolkit for mainstreaming ageing;
 - (ii) Road maps on mainstreaming ageing;
 - (iii) Workshops and webinars;
 - (iv) Capacity-building plans for 2022.
 - (c) Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building evidence base for policymaking.
- 6. Activities under the Joint Programme on Ageing: *Building forward better in the light of Covid-19* (United Nations Fund for Population Activities / World Health Organization / United Nations Economic Commission for Europe / Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and HelpAge International).
- 7. Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2023.
- 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 fourteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2021/1)

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 June session of the thirteenth meeting. The participants 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 2021

Documentation: *Report of the thirteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2021/3); Secretary-General report on *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing* (A/76/156).

2. The Chair will report on the decisions taken by the Bureau at its thirteenth meeting on 23-24 March and two subsequent quarterly sessions on 24 June and 24 September 2021.

3. The participants will be briefed on the outcomes of the eleventh session of the General Assembly Open-ended Working Group for the purpose of strengthening the protection of older people's human rights.

4. The secretariat will inform about the General Assembly (draft) resolution on Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and two recently issued/forthcoming reports of the Secretary-General on ageing issues.

5. Standing Working Group members will be invited to share their views and inform the meeting participants about any major events related to ageing held by their countries in 2021.

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 European Commission will be invited to share on the outcomes of the spring 2021 public debate on the European Commission Green paper on ageing and next steps in advancing agenda on ageing.

7. Representatives of other international organizations (World Health Organisation, International Labour Organization, International Telecommunication Union, and others) will inform the Standing Working Group about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing. The secretariat will brief on the plans for the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and the 2022 Forum of Mayors and invite SWGA to consider possible inputs. Presentations will be followed by discussion.

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

(a) National review processes and briefing on the received country reports

8. The secretariat will provide a brief overview about the reports received so far from member States for the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS).

9. The national focal points will be invited to share their country experiences in conducting the national review processes and preparing reports. Countries will be expected to address the involvement of civil society and other stakeholders in the process and reflect on the cross-cutting impact of RIS commitments 8 (mainstreaming gender) and 10 (regional cooperation).

(b) Outlines for the Synthesis and MIPAA+20 reports

10. The secretariat will present an annotated outline for the 2022 Synthesis Report on MIPAA/RIS implementation in the ECE region during the fourth five-year cycle (2017-2021). A preliminary outline for the MIPAA+20 report, foreseen as a background document for the Ministerial Conference, will be shared with the participants for comments and discussion.

(c) Preparations for the regional Ministerial Conference on Ageing in 2022

Documentation: *UNECE Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research 2022 - Concept Note and Programme*.

(i) Organizational matters of the Conference

11. The representative of Italy, host country, will brief the participants on the venue, format and other organizational matters of the Ministerial Conference to be held in Rome on 15-17 June 2022.

(ii) Research and civil society forum format and preliminary agenda

12. The organizers of the joint Forum of civil society and scientific research will present the concept note and proposed programme of the forum.

(d) Deliberations on the proposed thematic content of the Ministerial Conference and a draft text of the Ministerial declaration

Documentation: *Proposed thematic content of the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing; a zero draft of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration.*

(i) Breakout sessions - Work in discussion groups

13. Following the introduction by the respective coordinators of the Conference Content and Declaration Drafting groups of the Bureau, the meeting participants will split into three-four groups and retreat for two consecutive breakout sessions. The first breakout session will be dedicated to deliberations on the proposed format and agenda of the Conference; the second, on a draft text of the Ministerial Declaration.

(ii) Plenary discussion and agreement on the format and preliminary agenda of the Ministerial Conference

14. Leaders / rapporteurs of each group will summarize group deliberations on a theme and preliminary agenda of the Conference. Based on this, the Chair will guide the plenary discussion to reach an agreement on the title and thematic content of the Conference.

(iii) Plenary discussion and agreement on a draft text of the Ministerial Declaration for official consultation with member States

15. Leaders / rapporteurs of each group will summarize group deliberations on a proposed draft text of the Ministerial Declaration by outlining suggested amendments and/or expressed reservations. Based on this, the Chair will guide the plenary discussion and facilitate an agreement on amendments to be taken into account before submitting a draft declaration for official consultations with member States.

5. 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 2021 and plans for 2022

Documentation: *Implementation of the Work Programme of the Standing Working Group on Ageing in 2021* (ECE/WG.1/2021/4)

16. The secretariat will present the elements of the work programme implemented in 2021 and respective planned activities for 2022. Under this agenda item members of SWGA will be invited to approve the implementation report for 2021; the programme of work for 2022 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2023 will be further discussed under item 7.

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

(i) Policy seminars on ageing

17. SWGA members will be briefed on the forthcoming policy seminar on Ageing in the digital era to be held on 24 November 2021. The Chair will invite the Standing Working Group to suggest possible topics for the next policy seminars. The proposed list of topics will later be shared with member States for ranking in order of priority with the first and second topics chosen for the policy seminars in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

(ii) Policy briefs

Documentation: *Policy Brief No. 26 on Ageing in the digital era and Policy Brief No. 27 on Mainstreaming ageing (draft).*

18. The secretariat will inform about the Policy brief No. 26 published in July 2021 and present a draft of Policy Brief No. 27 on mainstreaming ageing. Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the presented documents.

19. For the Policy brief No. 28, the Standing Working Group will be invited to consider a topic related to the theme of the 2022 Ministerial Conference.

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

Documentation: *UNECE Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing (2021)*; *Pilot toolkit – Stage 1 (draft)*; *Roadmap for Mainstreaming Ageing in Kazakhstan (final draft)*.

(i) Guidelines and a toolkit for mainstreaming ageing

20. The secretariat will report on the publication of the UNECE Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing and will present a pilot toolkit – Stage 1 for operationalising the Guidelines. The presentation will be followed by discussion focusing on promoting the use of the Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing – for example, translating them into national languages and providing training based on a toolkit.

(ii) Road maps on mainstreaming ageing

21. 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.

(iii) Workshops and webinars

22. The secretariat will briefly report on a series of three online workshops held in April-June 2021 to support the preparation of the national reports on MIPAA/RIS implementation and the issuance of a Guidance note on Meaningful participation of older persons and civil society in policymaking. Members of SWGA will be invited to inform the participants about the relevant trainings, workshops and seminars held in the course of 2021.

(iv) Capacity-building plans for 2022

23. The secretariat will invite member States to express their interest in organizing as well as joining the training and capacity-building activities on mainstreaming ageing foreseen in the work programme for 2022. SWGA members will be also invited to propose / consider other relevant areas for capacity-building and inform about the planned activities at the national level.

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

24. The secretariat will inform the Standing Working Group about the monitoring activities under MIPAA/RIS, and tools for building evidence for policymaking. Meeting participants will hear about the work done in 2021 by several ECE countries to compute the Active Ageing Index (AAI) and secretariat's efforts to include the AAI indicators as part of the Statistical annex to the Synthesis report.

25. 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 conducted the Generations and Gender Survey will be invited to share their views on this matter.

6. Activities under the Joint Programme on Ageing: Building forward better in the light of COVID-19 (United Nations Fund for Population Activities / World Health Organization / United Nations Economic Commission for Europe / Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and HelpAge International)

26. The joint regional initiative on ageing 'Building forward better in the light of COVID-19' aims to strengthen coordinated support and action in ECE member States through the United Nations country teams. The secretariat will inform SWGA about the ongoing inter-agency collaboration and "online missions" held with several country teams in the course of 2021. The meeting participants will also be briefed about the findings of a Rapid assessment

pilot on Impact of COVID-19 on long-term care for older persons in Kazakhstan that was initiated and conducted by the secretariat as part of the joint programme.

7. Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2023

Documentation: *Draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022* (ECE/WG.1/2021/5); *Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023* (ECE/WG.1/2021/INF).

27. 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 2022 follows the annual format introduced from 2020, with amendments reflecting General Assembly resolutions 74/251 adopted in December 2019 and 75/243 adopted on 31 December 2020. The draft programme of work is based on the ECE proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (Sect.20)) which was reviewed by the ECE Executive Committee in December 2020 and submitted for consideration by the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

28. The Standing 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 2022.

29. At its 115th meeting (March 2021), the Executive Committee adopted a document entitled “Sequential review of the proposed programmes of work of ECE subprogrammes” (document 2021/8). In line with the sequential review procedure, the Bureau of SWGA at its autumn 2021 meeting reviewed the proposal on key components of the programme of work of the Population component for 2023. The Standing Working Group will be invited to consider the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023” and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations which are agreed by SWGA and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Population component for 2023.

8. Financing of the work programme

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

9. Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting

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

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