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Matters relating to the Committee on Housing and Land Management decisions on matters relating to the Committee on Housing and Land Management

Decisions relating to the Committee on Housing and Land Management

Background

1. At its seventy-eighth session (Geneva, 8–10 November 2017), the Committee on Housing and Land Management requested the Bureau to formulate proposals along with a rationale for changing the name of the Committee to ensure that the name accurately reflects its activities in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and other relevant agreements. The Committee invited the Bureau to prepare its proposals for a decision at the seventy-ninth session of the Committee (Geneva, 4–5 October 2018). The Committee Bureau at its meetings on 14 April and 2 July 2018 discussed possible options and proposed to rename the Committee to the “Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management”. According to the Bureau members, this title would reflect adequately the content of the activities of the Committee as well as give a higher priority to urban issues received after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda with its Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 and other urban related SDGs; and the New Urban Agenda. The Bureau also recommended to the Committee to update the title of its flagship programme “Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management” to “Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management”. The Committee endorsed the proposals by the Bureau at its seventy-ninth session on Housing and Land Management (ECE/HBP/L1).

2. The Executive Committee is invited to consider the change of the name of the Committee on Housing and Land Management to “Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management” and transmit its recommendation to the sixty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe for consideration.

3. The Executive Committee is also invited to approve the change of name of the Committee's flagship programme, "Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management", to "Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management".

Draft Decision

4. The Executive Committee endorses the proposal on the name change of the Committee on Housing and Land Management to "Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management", as contained in document ECE/HBP/2018/L.1 and invites the sixty-eighth Commission session to consider the name change of the Committee.

5. The Executive Committee approves the change of the name of a flagship programme of the Committee, currently named "Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management", to "Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management", as contained in document ECE/HBP/2018/L.1.
