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### Standing Working Group on Ageing

#### Fifteenth meeting

Geneva, 21 and 22 November 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fifteenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Monday,  
21 November 2022 at 10 a.m.\*

#### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Report and discussion on the outcome of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Rome in June 2022:
  - (a) Main messages from expert and ministerial panels;
  - (b) Results of the Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research.
4. Concluding the fourth cycle of review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy:
  - (a) Country experiences;
  - (b) The global segment of the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing at the 61st session of the Commission for Social Development (2023) and other global events.
5. New and ongoing national and international initiatives in the area of ageing, inter-agency collaboration and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
6. Implementation of the Standing Working Group on Ageing work programme in 2022 and plans for 2023:
  - (a) International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion:

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\* Delegates attending meetings are requested to register online using the electronic procedure available from the web page of the fourteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website (<https://unece.org/population/events/fourteenth-meeting-standing-working-group-ageing>).



- (i) Policy seminars on ageing;
    - (ii) Policy briefs.
  - (b) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building:
    - (i) Road maps for mainstreaming ageing;
    - (ii) Capacity development on mainstreaming ageing.
  - (c) Monitoring the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building the evidence base for policymaking.
7. Initial discussion on the work programme of the Standing Working Group on Ageing for the fifth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2023-2027:
- (a) Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy and exploring the possibility of updating the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
  - (b) Areas of focus – responding to the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration.
  - (c) New and continuing elements in the work programme.
8. Programme of work for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024.
9. Financing of the work programme.
10. 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 fifteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2022/1)

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 at its September session of the fourteenth meeting. The participants will be asked to adopt the agenda.

### **2. Election of officers**

2. According to the Terms of Reference of the Standing Working Group on Ageing, the Bureau is elected for a two-year period with a possibility for Bureau members to be re-elected. At the fifteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing a new Bureau will be elected. Following the call for nominations to the Bureau, member States are invited to submit nominations of their candidates to the secretariat in advance of the meeting.

### **3. Report and discussion on the outcome of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Rome in June 2022**

Documentation: *Report of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing “A Sustainable World for All Ages: Joining Forces for Solidarity and Equal Opportunities Throughout Life”* (ECE/AC.30/2022/2), *Proceedings of the 2022 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/41), *Report of the Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research*, and *Report on the fourteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/2022/3).

3. The representative of Italy will briefly review the main highlights of the Ministerial Conference and report on the adoption of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration. The coordinators of the Declaration Drafting Group will be invited to share their experience in preparing and negotiating the Ministerial Declaration.

**(a) Main messages from expert and ministerial panels**

4. The Chair will present an overview of the main outcomes from the discussions during expert and ministerial panels. The Standing Working Group on Ageing will be invited to comment on the main findings and proposals made by the panellists at the Conference.

**(b) Results of the Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research**

5. The coordinators of the Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research will briefly report on the forum and present the main outcomes of the discussions held. They will inform the Standing Working Group about the Joint Declaration adopted during the forum and about possible follow-up activities. The Standing Working Group will be invited to comment on the information received.

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

Documentation: *Synthesis Report on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the ECE region between 2017 and 2022; MIPAA/RIS+20 Report (ECE/WG.1/40).*

**(a) Country experiences**

6. Standing Working Group members will be invited to share their country experiences and lessons learned in preparing national reports on MIPAA/RIS implementation during the fourth cycle of review and appraisal.

**(b) The global segment of the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing at the 61st session of the Commission for Social Development (2023) and other global events**

7. The secretariat will inform the Standing Working Group about the ECE input to the Secretary-General report on MIPAA implementation for the 61st session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development to be held in February 2023.

8. The Chair will outline the possible involvement of ECE member States at the global segment of the fourth review and appraisal at the 61st session of the Commission for Social Development: taking part in the high-level panel, organizing a side-event, other elements.

9. The secretariat will brief on the relevant topics of the provisional agenda of the 56th Session of the Commission on Population and Development in April 2023.

**5. New and ongoing national and international initiatives in the area of ageing, inter-agency collaboration and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

10. Standing Working Group members will be invited to inform meeting participants about any major events related to ageing held by their countries in 2022.

11. The participants will be briefed on the outcomes of the twelfth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons.

12. Representatives of international organizations (World Health Organization, United Nations Population Fund and others) will inform about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing.

13. The secretariat will inform the Standing Working Group about the ongoing inter-agency collaboration under the Joint Programme on Ageing and inter-agency collaboration in support of the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing.

14. The secretariat will brief on plans for the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and invite the Standing Working Group to consider possible inputs. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

## **6. Implementation of the Standing Working Group on Ageing work programme in 2022 and plans for 2023**

Documentation: *Implementation of the Work Programme of the Standing Working Group on Ageing in 2022* (ECE/WG.1/2022/4)

15. The secretariat will present the elements of the work programme implemented in 2022 and respective planned activities for 2023. Under this agenda item, members of the Standing Working Group will be invited to approve the implementation report for 2022.

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

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

16. Standing Working Group on Ageing members will be briefed on the forthcoming Policy Seminar on Ageing on the topic of quality in long-term care, to be held on 23 November 2022. The secretariat will inform on the change of modality of policy seminars from 2023, which will become an integral part of Standing Working Group annual meetings in the form of interactive in-depth policy discussions. The Standing Working Group on Ageing will agree on the topic of the in-depth policy discussion in 2023, based on the results of a survey among Standing Working Group members.

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

Documentation: *Policy Brief No. 27 on Mainstreaming Ageing – Revisited*.

17. The secretariat will inform about the Policy Brief No. 27 published in February 2022 and present a proposed outline of Policy Brief No. 28 on the topic “Joining forces for solidarity and equal opportunities throughout life,” dedicated to the theme of the 2022 Ministerial Conference. Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the presented documents and propose topics for subsequent policy briefs.

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

Documentation: *Online training course on mainstreaming ageing, Report of the 10-year evaluation of the implementation of the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in the Republic of Moldova*.

#### **(i) Road maps for mainstreaming ageing**

18. The secretariat will present the core findings and recommendations of the Report of the 10-year evaluation of the implementation of the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in the Republic of Moldova. The representative of the Republic of Moldova will be invited to comment on the evaluation and inform about the national actions taken or planned in the area of ageing.

#### **(ii) Capacity development on mainstreaming ageing**

19. The secretariat will briefly report on a series of training workshops in the Republic of Moldova to build capacity on mainstreaming ageing among national and local civil servants. Members of the Standing Working Group on Ageing will be invited to inform the participants about the relevant trainings, workshops and seminars held in the course of 2022.

20. The secretariat will report on the development of an interactive online training course on mainstreaming ageing to operationalise the Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing. The presentation will be followed by discussion focusing on disseminating the online training course – for example, translating it into national languages and using it as an introduction to in-person trainings at the national level.

21. The secretariat will invite member States to express their interest in organizing as well as joining training and capacity-building activities on mainstreaming ageing foreseen in the work programme for 2023. Standing Working Group 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 implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building the evidence base for policymaking**

22. The secretariat will inform the Standing Working Group about the monitoring activities under MIPAA/RIS, and tools for building evidence base for policymaking. Meeting participants will be invited to share updates about work done in 2022 to compute the Active Ageing Index (AAI).

23. The secretariat will brief the Standing Working Group on recent developments in the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) followed by a discussion about the use of GGP data as evidence base for policymaking in the region. Representatives of member States which recently conducted the Generations and Gender Survey will be invited to share their views on this matter.

**7. Initial discussion on the work programme of the Standing Working Group on Ageing for the fifth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2023-2027**

Documentation: *Report of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing “A Sustainable World for All Ages: Joining Forces for Solidarity and Equal Opportunities Throughout Life”* (ECE/AC.30/2022/2); *Proceedings of the 2022 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing* (ECE/WG.1/41)

24. The Chair will initiate the discussion on the work programme of the Standing Working group during the fifth cycle of the MIPAA/RIS implementation (2023-2027). The Standing Working Group will be invited to decide on the modalities of the preparation of the draft work programme. The draft work programme will have to be prepared for discussion at the fifteenth meeting of the Bureau (first quarter of 2023).

**(a) Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy and exploring the possibility of updating the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing**

25. The Chair will refer to the task entrusted by the Rome Ministerial Declaration (paragraph 47) to the Standing Working Group “of updating RIS and exploring the possibility of also updating MIPAA to adapt ageing-related policy responses to economic, social, and digital transitions and emerging challenges, and developing further instruments to support them”. The Chair will invite the Standing Working Group to discuss this mandate and agree on the way forward.

**(b) Areas of focus – responding to the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration**

26. The Chair will refer to the three main goals indicated in the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration and will invite the Standing Working Group to discuss and agree upon the possible areas of focus for its future work programme. The new work programme will have to be developed based on the mandate provided by the 2022 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing.

27. The Standing Working Group will be asked to discuss in separate groups the priorities for the fifth cycle of MIPAA/RIS implementation. The expectation will be to agree on areas to be included in the work programme. Leaders/rapporteurs of each group will report a summary of the deliberations back to the plenary.

(c) **New and continuing elements in the work programme**

28. The Standing Working Group will be invited to discuss in separate groups the importance and feasibility of individual work programme elements to be included in the future work programme. The Standing Working Group will be asked to suggest new programme elements and/or discontinue some current elements to better respond to the agreed focus areas for the new work programme. Leaders/rapporteurs of each group will report a summary of the deliberations back to the plenary.

**8. Programme of work for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024**

Documentation: *Draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023* (ECE/WG.1/2022/5); *Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024* (ECE/WG.1/2022/INF).

29. 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 2023 follows the annual format introduced from 2020, with amendments reflecting General Assembly resolutions 74/251, 75/243 and 76/245. The draft programme of work is based on the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (Sect.20)) which was reviewed by the ECE Executive Committee in December 2021 and submitted for consideration by the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

30. 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 2023.

31. At its 115<sup>th</sup> 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 Standing Working Group Bureau at its September 2022 meeting reviewed the proposal on key components of the programme of work of the Population component for 2024. 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 2024” and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations which are agreed by the Standing Working Group and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Population component for 2024.

**9. Financing of the work programme**

32. The secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the Standing Working Group work programme, including budget allocations of recent donations. The secretariat will also inform about preparations for the next phase of the Ageing Fund. Members of the Standing Working Group will be invited to pledge, to discuss funding opportunities and to identify areas that require further contribution.

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

33. Standing Working Group members wishing to discuss other issues under this agenda item are invited to inform the secretariat before the meeting.

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