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## Parlamentul României Camera Deputaților

Cabinet Secretar General

București,  
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### MEMORANDUM INTERN

**De la:** Gheorghe Barbu, secretar general al Camerei Deputaților

**Către:** Biroul Permanent al Camerei Deputaților

**Tema:** Participarea la reuniunea Comisiei pentru locuințe și amenajarea teritoriului a UNECE și la seminarul „Climat neutru pentru orașele lumii” (Geneva, 23-25 septembrie 2009)

În perioada 23-25 septembrie 2009, la Geneva, va avea loc cea de-a 70-a reuniune a Comisiei pentru Locuințe și Amenajarea Teritoriului a UNECE (Comisia Economică pentru Europa a Națiunilor Unite). Deschiderea reuniunii se va face în data de 23 septembrie a.c., prin seminarul cu tema: „Climat neutru pentru orașele lumii”.

Comisia pentru administrație publică, amenajarea teritoriului și echilibru ecologic a Camerei Deputaților a desemnat ca participanți pe domnii deputați **Attila Korody (UDMR)**, **Vasile Filip Soporan (PSD-PC)** și **Victor Boiangiu (PD-L)**.

**Acțiunea nu are caracter parlamentar conform art. 5, alin b), al HBP 1/2003, modificată și completată prin HBP 5/2007.**

**Propunem:**

- să se aprobe participarea domnilor deputați Attila Korody, Vasile Filip Soporan, Victor Boianiu și a doamnei Diana Georgescu, expert parlamentar, Direcția pentru cooperare parlamentară internațională multilaterală, la acțiunile menționate;
- deplasarea să se facă cu avionul pe ruta București-Amsterdam-Geneva și retur, cu plecare în data de 22 septembrie a.c., orele 14:40 (KL 1390) și întoarcere în data de 27 septembrie a.c., orele 0:20 (KL 1361), conform traseului anexat;
- să se acorde drepturi de diurnă categoria a I, 100%, pentru 4<sup>1/2</sup> zile și cazare plafon A pentru 4 nopți.
- recalcularea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară pe baza documentelor justificative.

**Secretar General,**  
**Gheorghe Barbu**



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# Parlamentul României

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### COMISIA PENTRU ADMINISTRAȚIE PUBLICĂ, AMENAJAREA TERITORIULUI ȘI ECHILIBRU ECOLOGIC

2 septembrie 2009

Nr.26/587

**Doamnei Director**

**NADIA IONESCU**

**· Direcția pentru cooperare parlamentară internațională multilaterală**

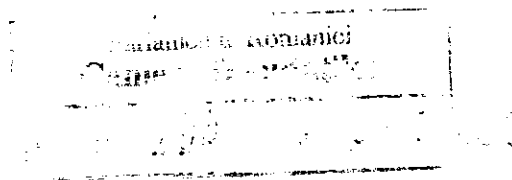
Dorim să vă informăm că la Comisia pentru administrație publică amenajarea teritoriului și echilibru ecologic, s-a primit o invitație pentru a se participa la seminarul „Climat neutru pentru orașele lumii”, organizat de Comisia pentru Locuințe și Amenajarea Teritoriului a UNECE, în perioada 23 - 25 septembrie 2009, la Geneva, în Elveția.

În acest sens, plenul Comisiei a hotărât ca din delegația parlamentară ce va participa la acest eveniment să facă parte: domnul deputat Attila Korodi (Grupul parlamentar al UDMR), domnul deputat Vasile Filip Soporan (Grupul parlamentar al PSD) și domnul deputat Victor Boiangiu (Grupul parlamentar al PD-L).

Ca urmare, vă adresăm rugămintea de a întreprinde demersurile ce se impun în vederea participării domnilor deputați la evenimentul menționat.

Cu deosebită stimă,

**PREȘEDINTE,**  
**SULFINA BARBU**



## ***Parlamentul României Camera Deputaților***

București, 7 septembrie 2009

Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe  
Direcția pentru cooperare parlamentară internațională multilaterală

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat **Vasile Filip Soporan** la cea de-a 70-a reuniune a Comisiei pentru Locuințe și Amenajarea Teritoriului a UNECE și la seminarul „Climat neutru pentru orașele lumii” în perioada 23-25 septembrie 2009, la Geneva.

**Viorel Hrebenciuc**

**Lider Grup Parlamentar al PSD-PC**



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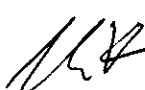


## ***Parlamentul României*** ***Camera Deputaților***

București, 7 septembrie 2009

Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe  
Direcția pentru cooperare parlamentară internațională multilaterală

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat **Attila Korody** la cea de-a 70-a reuniune a Comisiei pentru Locuințe și Amenajarea Teritoriului a UNECE și la seminarul „Climat neutru pentru orașele lumii” în perioada 23-25 septembrie 2009, la Geneva.

  
**Marton Arpad Francisc**

**Lider Grup parlamentar**



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București, 7 septembrie 2009

Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe  
Direcția pentru cooperare parlamentară internațională multilaterală

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat **Victor Boiangiu** la cea de-a 70-a reuniune a Comisiei pentru Locuințe și Amenajarea Teritoriului a UNECE și la seminarul „Climat neutru pentru orașele lumii” în perioada 23-25 septembrie 2009, la Geneva.

**Toader Mircea-Nicu**

**Lider Grup parlamentar al PD-L**

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## Comisia pentru Administratie Publica Locala

**From:** Cecilia Batac [Cecilia.Batac@unece.org] **Sent:** Tue 8/4/2009 16:43  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients  
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**Subject:** Gentle Reminder: pls register to the 70th session of CHLM  
**Attachments:**  [Agenda\\_FINAL\\_ADVANCECOPY.pdf\(72KB\)](#)  [Climate Neutral Cities RUSSIAN .pdf\(3MB\)](#)  [Climate Neutral Cities .pdf\(3MB\)](#)

This is to invite you to attend and participate in the seventieth session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management, to take place in Geneva, *Palais des Nations*, from 23 to 25 September 2009. The meeting will be opened by a one-day seminar on Climate Neutral Cities. The brochure of the event is attached. The programme of the seminar will be shortly available on the UNECE website.

The official agenda of the seventieth session is also attached. The Russian and French version, as well as all other official documents for the session, are being posted as they become available at:

<http://www.unece.org/hlm/sessions/70thsession.htm>

On the same webpage is also available the registration form. Please note that registration is compulsory in order to facilitate entrance with UN security.

For the issuance of visa letters kindly contact: Ms. Evelina Rioukhina at [evelina.rioukhina@unece.org](mailto:evelina.rioukhina@unece.org)

Should you have any further questions or need more detailed information, do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

We look forward to welcoming you in Geneva on 23 September!

All the best  
 UNECE Secrétariat

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Этим сообщением мы бы хотели пригласить Вас на семидесятую сессию Комитета по жилищному хозяйству и землепользованию ЕЭК ООН, которая состоится в Женеве во Дворце наций с 23 по 25 сентября 2009 года. Заседание откроется однодневным семинаром, посвященным климатически нейтральным городам. Вы можете найти брошюру мероприятия в приложении. Программа семинара в скором времени будет доступна на веб-странице ЕЭК ООН.

Официальная повестка дня семидесятой сессии прилагается. Версия на русском и французском языках, вместе со всеми другими официальными документами по сессии, будут размещены на:

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Если у Вас возникли какие-нибудь вопросы или Вам требуется более подробная информация, пожалуйста, свяжитесь со мной.

Мы надеемся увидеть Вас в Женеве 23 сентября!

С наилучшими пожеланиями,  
 Секретариат ЕЭК ООН

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Nous avons le plaisir de vous inviter à participer à la soixante-dixième session du Comité du logement et de l'aménagement du territoire de la CEE-ONU, qui se tiendra au Palais des Nations à Genève du 23 au 25 septembre 2009. La session s'ouvrira par un séminaire d'une journée sur « Les villes à émissions Zéro » (voir la brochure ci-jointe). Le programme du séminaire sera bientôt disponible sur le site de la CEE-ONU.

L'ordre du jour officiel de la soixante-dixième session est également joint à cet e-mail. Les versions russe et française

seront disponibles (ainsi que les autres documents officiels) sur le site :  
<http://www.unece.org/hlm/sessions/70thsession.htm>

Vous trouverez le formulaire d'inscription sur la même page Internet. Veuillez noter que l'inscription est obligatoire pour pouvoir pénétrer dans l'enceinte du Palais des Nations.

Afin de faciliter les démarches pour l'obtention d'un visa, veuillez prendre contact avec Mme Evelina Rioukhina ([evelina.rioukhina@unece.org](mailto:evelina.rioukhina@unece.org)).

N'hésitez pas à me contacter pour de plus amples informations.

Nous espérons vous accueillir à Genève le 23 septembre!

Cordialement,  
Le secrétariat de la CEE-ONU

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**Diana Georgescu**

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**To:** Diana Georgescu  
**Cc:** Paola Deda; Cecilia Serin; Cecilia Batac  
**Subject:** Fw: QUESTION ABOUT THE INVITATION: UNECE Committee on Housing Session and Climate Neutral Cities seminar (23-25 September 2009)  
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Dear Ms. Georgescu,

This is for both events. Please note that the Seminar will be held within the 70th session of the CHLM, as mentioned in the agenda. Please kindly visit our web site at

<http://www.unece.org/hlm/sessions/70thsession.htm>

All best regards,

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 UNECE Secretariat

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**"Diana Georgescu"**  
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Subject: FW: QUESTION ABOUT THE  
 INVITATION: UNECE Committee on  
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 Cities seminar (23-25 September 2009)

Dear Cecilia,

Please, be so kind to specify us (as soon as is possible) that the invitation is to participate in the seventieth session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management (Geneva, 23-25 September 2009), OR ONLY to participate in the seminar on Climate Neutral Cities (23 September 2009)?

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## Among the speakers:

**Nikolai Bobylev**, Environmental Assessment and Policy Research Group, Technische Universität Berlin, **Corrado Cini**, Director, Ministry of Environment, Italy, **Luis Pais Correia**, CEO Dalkia International Northern Europe, **Michael Denkel**, AS&P Albert Speer & Partner GmbH, Germany, **Peter Drooge**, Professor for Urban Sustainability, Institute of Architecture and Planning Hochschule, Liechtenstein, **Brigitte Dufour-Fallot**, advisor, Cité de l'énergie, Lausanne, Switzerland, **Wolfgang Feist**, founder of the Passive House Institute, Germany, **Wolfgang Foerster**, Senior Advisor, Vienna Regional Housing Department, **Zravko Genchev**, Executive Director, EnEffect, Bulgaria, **Juha Hulkkonen**, IBM Global Business Services, Finland, **Cecil Konijnendijk**, Professor, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, **Mathieu Laperrelle**, K'nL Architecture, France, **Charles Magnier**, Directeur General, NGO Prioriterre, France, **Tzvetia Nanieva**, United Nations Development Programme, Bulgaria, **Clay Nesler**, Vice President of Global Energy & Sustainability for Johnson Controls Inc., New York (TBC), **Susan Roaf**, author of *Adapting Buildings and Cities to Climate Change*, United-Kingdom, **Andrew Waugh**, Waugh Thistleton Architects Ltd, United Kingdom.



## PROGRAMME

### Session I: City Planning and Land-Use Management

**This session will discuss the approach of cities to sustainable land management and the mitigation of climate change, covering the following aspects:**

Policy and plans for the energy efficiency at the urban scale;

Measures to control urban sprawl and its negative impacts on urban environments;

Measures to reduce unsustainable uses of land, including the formation of informal settlements;

Programmes and measures to counteract the impact of urban sprawl in rural areas;

Development and use of green spaces and biodiversity in urban areas to mitigate climate change;

Planning for sustainable infrastructures, urban mobility and transport systems.

**Session II: The Built Environment**  
**This session will focus on green building and the reduction of emissions in buildings, including:**

Energy efficiency in housing;

Sustainable refurbishment;

Ecological architecture;

Passive housing.



## United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Seventieth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management



Seminar

## Climate Neutral Cities

23 September 2009, Palais des Nations  
Geneva



## Some basic facts

**Cities are responsible** for a large proportion of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (estimates reach 40 per cent of total GHG emissions and higher).

The economic loss due to climate change could total 5 to 10 per cent of global GDP, with **less developed countries suffering the most**.

Sixty per cent of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) member States have agreed to **limit their emissions** according to targets set in Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol...

...but only a few projects aim at **decreasing emissions in cities**.

However, some cities are taking the lead by starting to implement **action plans** to limit their GHG emissions.

**The International Panel on Climate Change** estimates that there is a potential to **reduce approximately 29 per cent** of the projected baseline emissions by 2020 in the residential and commercial sectors.

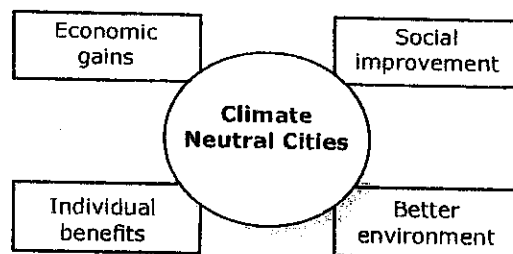
## Definition

As of today, **climate neutral cities** sounds more like an oxymoron than an achievable goal.

However, steps have been taken by several cities to **reduce GHG emissions**, and mechanisms are being identified at the urban scale to offset currently unavoidable emissions.

Climate neutrality, however, is not simply a goal to achieve in fighting **climate change**, but also a way to address some of those environmental, economic and social challenges which are part of the broader **sustainability agenda of urban areas**. Climate neutrality also affords individual benefits, such as reduced costs, increased standards of living and improved health.

Thus, **climate neutrality in cities** should be seen as strategic goal, which can trigger beneficial effects in several areas, and for the community as a whole as well as for individuals.



## The seminar's goals

Guest speakers will examine the multi-dimensional approach of "Climate Neutral Cities". These will include policy makers, mayors and other politicians from various cities, who will present policies and **governance challenges** posed by this concept. Experts from the public and private sector will address technical challenges and provide **practical solutions** reducing GHG emissions in cities (including land-use and transport planning, infrastructure, **energy efficiency** and overall building performance).

The seminar aims to **raise awareness** of all stakeholders involved in the urban planning and housing of the **importance of implementing policies** and actions towards "Climate Neutral Cities".

"Climate Neutral Cities" is organized by the **Committee on Housing and Land Management (CHLM)** of UNECE.

To register:  
<http://www.unece.org/hlsessions/70thsession.htm>

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Geneva, 23–25 September 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTIETH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 September 2009<sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Matters arising from the sixty-third session of the Economic Commission for Europe
3. Work of the Bureau and the report of the Housing and Urban Management Advisory Network (HUMAN)
4. Consideration of the outcomes of the seminar on “Climate Neutral Cities”

<sup>1</sup> New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (<http://www.unece.org/hlm/welcome.html>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting, namely by 9 September 2009, either by fax (+41 22 917 0107) or by e-mail ([evelina.rioukhina@unece.org](mailto:evelina.rioukhina@unece.org)). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the Committee's website). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1499/2553.

5. Review of implementation of the programme of work for 2008–2009 and draft programme of work for 2010-2011:
  - (a) Country profiles on the housing sector
  - (b) Improvement of urban environment performance
  - (c) Land registration and land markets
  - (d) Housing modernization and management
  - (e) Monitoring of implementation
6. Building and construction safety
7. Cross-sectoral activities
8. Other business
9. Election of the Bureau
10. Closing of the seventieth session

#### **I. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

##### Wednesday, 23 September 2009 (full day)

1. A seminar on the topic of “Climate Neutral Cities” will be held on the occasion of the Committee on Housing and Land Management’s seventieth session. Details on the programme are contained in the document ECE/HBP/2009/1. The background paper for the seminar is contained in document ECE/HBP/2009/2.

##### Thursday, 24 September 2009 (morning, starting at 10 a.m.)

##### **Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

2. The provisional agenda (ECE/HBP/151) is based on decisions taken by the Committee at its sixty-ninth session (ECE/HBP/149) and on progress made in the programme of work since then. The proposed agenda and timetable were agreed upon by the Committee’s Bureau at its April meeting (ECE/HBP/2009/3), and are presented for the Committee’s approval. The Committee is expected to adopt the agenda.

**Item 2: Matters arising from the sixty-third session of the Economic Commission for Europe**

3. The sixty-third session of the Commission, held from 30 March to 1 April 2009 in Geneva, consisted of a general and a high-level segment. The latter comprised two thematic sessions covering the issue of economic integration within the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region, with reference to the financial crisis, as well as the issue of mitigation and adaptation to climate change. The secretariat will report on relevant decisions that are of interest to the Committee's work.
4. With regard to climate change, the presentations highlighted that despite the obvious need and opportunities for reducing energy consumption in buildings, potential remained largely untapped in most countries. Further to the presentation of the Committee representative from Austria and related interventions, the Commission suggested the development of an action plan for energy efficiency in housing for the UNECE region.
5. The Bureau meeting also suggested that the workshop in Vienna on energy efficiency in housing would offer an opportunity to develop elements of the action plan on energy efficiency in housing (see agenda item 5(d)).
6. The Committee may wish:
  - (a) To request country representatives to report on their countries' positions vis-à-vis integrating building into the post-Kyoto framework;
  - (b) To provide preliminary thoughts on what the action plan should contain.

**Item 3: Work of the Bureau and the report of the Housing and Urban Management Advisory Network (HUMAN)**

7. The Chairperson of the Committee's Bureau will report on the work of the Bureau and the main decisions taken since the Committee's previous session.
8. The Chairperson of HUMAN will report on the Network's activities for the period 2008–2009, in accordance with the group's terms of reference.
9. In accordance with the Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of Team of Specialists within UNECE (ECE/EX/2) there is a need for the Committee to review the Advisory Network's terms of reference and its membership. HUMAN will present a proposal for a programme of work for the next biennium for the Committee's consideration, as well as a report about outgoing and incoming members and their expected roles and contributions.
10. The Committee is expected to evaluate the work of HUMAN to date and to review the proposal for its programme of work; based on these, it will review the related terms of reference, if needed, and/or decide upon the renewal of its mandate.

**Item 4: Consideration of the outcomes of the seminar on “Climate Neutral Cities”**

11. Specific recommendations stemming from the background paper and the discussion held at the seminar on 23 September will be presented to the Committee. The Committee will be invited to comment on the recommendations, and to consider how best to reflect them in the Committee’s programme of work. It may also suggest ways to integrate them into national programmes for housing and urban development.

**Item 5: Review of implementation of the programme of work for 2008–2009 and draft programme of work for 2010–2011**

12. The Committee will review the implementation of activities as part of the programme of work for 2008–2009. Based on activities completed in 2009 and those still ongoing, as well as decisions made at the Committee session, the secretariat will update the draft programme of work for 2010–2011 (as contained in ECE/HBP/2009/4), and annex it to the report of the session.

**(a) Country profiles on the housing sector**

13. The delegations of Georgia will report on the launching event.

14. Information will be provided on the finalization of the country profiles of Belarus and Kyrgyzstan (ECE/HBP/150 and ECE/HBP/154), including plans for their publication and launching events.

15. The delegate of Azerbaijan will provide information on the fact-finding mission (2–10 May 2009) to develop that country’s profile review.

16. The delegate of Tajikistan may wish to inform the Committee about its interest in having a country profile review undertaken. Other countries may wish to follow.

17. The secretariat will also introduce document ECE/HBP/2009/5, containing a proposal for the modular approach developed at the request of the Committee to make the preparation of country profiles and land administration reviews more tailor-made to the needs of countries.

18. The Committee may wish:

- (a) To take note of the information provided including on the next country to be reviewed, and to discuss the progress of the country profiles programme element;
- (b) To discuss the document on the modular approach, and to agree on the proposal it contains.

**(b) Improvement of urban environment performance**

19. The Committee will be briefed on the launching of the publication, *Self-made cities: in search of sustainable solutions for informal settlements in the UNECE region*. The publication

contains an analysis of informal settlements in the region, as well as related guidance to member States developed by the Committee and the Working Party.

20. The Committee will be invited to consider follow-up activities by member States and discuss how to implement guidance at the national level.

Thursday, 24 September 2009 (afternoon, starting at 3 p.m.)

**(c) Land registration and land markets**

21. The Chairperson of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on its sixth session (Geneva, 18–19 June 2009) and the main decisions taken for consideration by the Committee, including information on the activities carried out and on the programme of work for 2010–2011, including:

- (a) The issuance of the study on fees and charges;
- (b) Progress in the land administration reviews, notably with the review of Bulgaria and with preparations for other reviews;
- (c) Recent and upcoming workshops organized by the Working Party.

22. On the basis of progress made in the work of the Working Party the Committee may wish to provide inputs and advice on future activities.

23. The Chairperson of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) will be invited to update the meeting on the Advisory Group's activities and future plans. The Committee may wish to take note on the information provided.

**(d) Housing modernization and management**

24. The delegation of Norway will report on the results of the workshop on the topic of homelessness held on 18 and 19 May 2009 in Oslo, as well as on the results of the related questionnaire distributed to Committee members on the subject.

25. **Energy efficiency in housing.** The Committee's sixty-ninth session had agreed to address, as part of its programme of work, the issue of energy efficiency in housing, to analyse relevant trends, to assess the situation in the region and to provide policy advice. To this end, it also decided to hold two workshops in 2009: the first held in Sofia on 21 and 22 April 2009, and the second one to be held in Vienna from 23 to 25 November 2009. The delegate of Bulgaria will report about the Sofia workshop, focusing in particular on the workshop outcomes. The delegate of Austria will inform the Committee on the status of preparations for the Vienna workshop, as well as its programme developed on the basis of the recommendations of the Sofia workshop (ECE/HBP/2009/6).

26. **Multi-family housing.** The Committee will be presented with a revised project proposal on multi-family housing sector (ECE/HBP/2009/7), reflecting lessons learned from the Slovak case and guidelines for its replicability in other contexts in the region.

27. The Committee may wish:

- (a) To take note of the results of the Sofia workshop and to comment on the programme of the second workshop in Vienna, including the development of an action plan for energy efficiency in housing (see item 2);
- (b) To discuss and advise on further steps for the project on multi-family housing sector.

(e) **Monitoring of implementation**

28. Over the years, the Committee has developed a number of guidelines and tools to assist member States on issues related to housing and land management (e.g. guidelines on condominium management, guidance on housing finance, recommendations on spatial planning, guidelines on social housing and guidance on informal settlements). To ensure that guidance from the Committee is effectively used by member States and also to learn about constraints and success stories, the Bureau meeting in April discussed the issue of the monitoring of implementation. It agreed that the topic should be further discussed at the Committee session, and that the Committee should consider flexible reporting mechanisms that would not add additional burdens for countries but instead allow them to showcase progress made vis-à-vis the Committee's guidance documents. The Bureau also suggested that opportunities to report on the use of the Committee's guidance and tools should be offered to other stakeholders, such as non-governmental organizations, the private sector and local authorities.

29. The Committee will be invited to discuss and identify possible options for reporting, including the possibility of countries giving oral reports at Committee sessions on a rotational basis.

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**Item 6: Building and construction safety**

30. At its meeting in April 2009, the Bureau highlighted the importance of building and construction safety and disaster preparedness. Despite the existence of advanced technologies in many countries, institutional, legal, financial and awareness issues still hinder the correct application of safe and security norms and techniques. From events such as earthquakes to the growing effects of climate change (e.g. floods, sea level rise and severe weather events), the Bureau recognized the need to address this issue more thoroughly and to bring it to the attention of member States at the session. The Committee will be invited:

- (a) To discuss the relevance of this topic to the Committee's work of and the importance of Committee's advice on the issue to member States;

- (b) To identify possible ways to address the issue and develop related advice and guidance.

**Item 7: Cross-sectoral activities**

31. In line with the request of the Economic Commission for Europe and general United Nations advice on cooperation between agencies, a number of activities have been undertaken by the Committee and the secretariat in cooperation with other UNECE programmes as well as relevant United Nations agencies.

**(a) Green building**

32. The Bureau considered current inter-divisional activities on the topic and suggested that the issue of green building be discussed more thoroughly at the Committee session. One issue of note was how the Committee could fully contribute and advise the Timber Committee on work undertaken on green building. The Committee will be invited to advise on future inter-divisional cooperation on this issue, and to offer advice on the aspects that UNECE work on green building should cover.

**(b) Reporting**

33. The secretariat will report about other inter-agency and inter-divisional activities, including:

- (a) The publication of the booklet on housing and population matters, developed in cooperation with the Population Unit;
- (b) Inputs and contributions from the secretariat to current UNECE work on gender issues, including the input to the Beijing+15 process and the inclusion of information on gender and access to land in the country profile of Kyrgyzstan;
- (c) Current and future joint activities with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN HABITAT) and its regional offices in Warsaw and Moscow;
- (d) Outcomes and implications of decisions made at the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

34. Based on the information provided, the Committee may wish to advise on how to further cooperation with these or other key agencies and/or UNECE divisions and units.

**Item 8: Other business**

35. Information will be provided on the UNECE Trust Fund on Human Settlements. Delegations are invited to announce their contributions to the Trust Fund for particular programme activities. In addition, other issues may be raised by members States under this agenda item.

**Item 9: Election of the Bureau**

36. The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-first session.

**Item 10: Closing of the seventieth session**

37. The Chairperson will sum up the major decisions taken by the Committee. After the session, the Chairperson, with the assistance of the secretariat, will prepare the report of the seventieth session.

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