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### **Note by the secretariat**

#### *Summary*

This note contains information on the ECE Human Settlements Trust Fund and related recommendations of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

The Committee is invited to take note of the information and consider the recommendations.



## Human Settlements Trust Fund

1. The Human Settlement Trust fund was established in 1982 in support of “activities in the field of human settlements” and was result from the merging of the ECE Trust Fund for Urban and Regional Research (UR) and the ECE Trust Fund for the Harmonisation of the Content of Building Materials.
  2. The Trust Fund has supported the work of the Committee on Housing and Land Management through the years and has been regularly replenished by donations of UNECE member States in support of specific activities of the programme of work.
  3. The Human Settlements Trust is used on an ongoing basis. Currently it supports specific activities which are approved by the Committee at its annual Committee sessions.
  2. The Bureau of the Committee considered the current state of the Trust Fund at its meeting in Lyon, France, on 6 June 2019. The Bureau is recommending to:
    - (a) Maintain the Human Settlement Trust Fund to support activities of the Committee and the related UNECE sub-programme
    - (b) Urge member States to consider replenishing the Trust Fund to cover activities contained in the programme of work (ECE/ HBP/2017/7; ECE/HBP/2019/8) and in the list of activities for 2019-2020 as contained in document (ECE/HBP/2018/1), and in accordance with UN and UNECE rules and regulations
    - (c) Urge the secretariat of UNECE to continue to use the Trust Fund to support specific activities as contained in document (ECE/HBP/2019/1) which provide a more detailed description of the programme of work 2020 contained in document (ECE/HBP/2019/8); and in line with UN rules and regulations.
  4. The Committee is invited to consider the recommendations above.
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