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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(submitted by the High Commissioner)

1. Opening of the session

The Chairman of the Executive Committee will open the session on Monday, 7 October at 10 a.m. in Conference Room XIX of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

2. Election of officers

Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee (A/AC.96/187/Rev.4) states that "The Committee shall, at the first meeting of the first regular session of any one year, elect the officers of the Committee: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur, who will serve in these functions until the Committee's next regular session".

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

According to rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, "The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the High Commissioner and shall be communicated to the Governments members of the Committee, Governments of other Member States of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the appropriate intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status and those referred to in rule 38, with the notice of the convening meeting".

According to rule 5, "The provisional agenda shall include: (a) all items proposed by the Committee at a previous session; (b) all items proposed by any member of the Committee provided that such items are proposed within eight days after receipt of the provisional agenda; (c) all items proposed by any sub-committee which may have been appointed by the Committee to serve in between its sessions; (d) all items proposed by the High Commissioner".

The Executive Committee will have before it document A/AC.96/864 (*Agenda*).

4. Annual theme: the pursuit and implementation of solutions

As decided by the Executive Committee at its forty-sixth session in October 1996, the General Debate has been discontinued and replaced by a debate on a focused annual theme (A/AC.96/860, para. 32(h)). The Standing Committee decided at its third inter-sessional meeting in June 1996 that the theme to be discussed at the forty-seventh session of the Executive Committee would be the pursuit and implementation of durable solutions. The Standing Committee also decided that the debate should be conducted, *inter alia*, on the basis of relevant work undertaken at the inter-sessional meetings of the Standing Committee, notably in respect of the *Note on International Protection* (A/AC.96/863) which focuses on comprehensive approaches, including the issue of prevention, and the follow-up to ECOSOC resolution 1995/56.

The High Commissioner will make an opening statement. Delegations are requested to confine themselves to one intervention in the ensuing debate and to limit their statements to a maximum of ten minutes. The Secretariat will circulate more extensive written versions of statements, provided that delegations make available a sufficient number of copies for all Member States and Observers. (A minimum of 200 copies is required for this purpose).

The Committee will have before it document A/AC.96/872 (*Annual Theme: the Pursuit and Implementation of Durable Solutions*). Also of relevance are documents A/AC.96/863 (*Note on International Protection*) and A/AC.96/867 (*Report on the Outcome of and Follow-up to the CIS Conference*).

5. Reports on the work of the Standing Committee on international protection and programme, administrative and financial matters

Under this item, The Committee will review the work of the Standing Committee, with particular reference to documents A/AC.96/875 (*Report on the Work of the Standing Committee*); A/AC.96/861 (*Report of the First Meeting of the Standing Committee*); A/AC.96/862 (*Report of the Second Meeting of the Standing Committee*); A/AC.96/873 (*Report of the Third Meeting of the Standing Committee*) and A/AC.96/874 (*Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee*). The Committee will also review action taken on decisions of the forty-sixth session of the Executive Committee (A/AC.96/871).

6. Consideration and adoption of programme budgets

Under this item, the Committee will review the country/area programmes, other programmes and Headquarters budgets for 1997 and revised programmes and budgets for 1996. Relevant to this review is document A/AC.96/865

(*Overview of UNHCR Activities*) with its Addendum 1 (Expenditure, Budgets and Post Requirements), Addendum 2 (Selected Operational Maps), Addendum 3 (Update on Programmes and Funding), and Addendum 4 (Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions).

7. Reports relating to programme oversight

The Executive Committee will consider document A/AC.96/866 (*Voluntary Funds Administered by the High Commissioner: Accounts for the Year 1995*), document A/AC.96/869 (*Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the Accounts of the Voluntary Funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the period ended December 1995*) and its Addendum 1 (Measures taken or proposed in response to the recommendations of the Report of the Board of Auditors) and Addendum 2 (Report of the ACABQ on the Board of Auditors Report).

In addition, a review of UNHCR's inspection and evaluation activities will be considered under this agenda item (A/AC.96/870).

In light of its discussions under agenda items 6 and 7, the Executive Committee will be invited to approve the proposed programmes and budget for 1997.

8. Executive Committee working methods

As the Executive Committee concludes its first cycle of work following the new working methods introduced at its forty-sixth session (A/AC.96/860, para. 32), it will consider document A/AC.96/868 (*Review of Executive Committee Working Methods*).

9. Inter-sessional meetings of the Standing Committee in 1997

Having reviewed the issues before it at its forty-seventh session, the Executive Committee will decide, on the basis of a conference room paper, which issues to include in the programme of work for the Standing Committee in 1997.

Also under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will be called upon to consider applications by Government Observer delegations to participate in the inter-sessional meetings of the Standing Committee in 1997. The list of Governments who have applied to be admitted as Observers will be contained in a conference room paper.

10. Consideration of the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Executive Committee

The Committee will consider a draft provisional agenda, which will be submitted in the form of a conference room paper, of the forty-eighth session of the Executive Committee.

11. Any other business

12. Adoption of the draft report of the forty-seventh session of the
Executive Committee

13. Closing of the session

The High Commissioner and the Chairman will make brief closing remarks.