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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME

Fifty-third session

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(submitted by the High Commissioner)

1. Opening of the Session

The Chairman of the Executive Committee will open its fifty-third session on Monday, 30 September 2002 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

2. Election of Officers

The Executive Committee will elect its Bureau, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur, who will serve in these functions until the Committee's fifty-fourth session in October 2003.

3. Adoption of the Agenda and other Organizational Matters

The Executive Committee will consider the *Provisional Annotated Agenda*, contained in A/AC.96/LIII/L.1, as basis for the adoption of the agenda of the session. A panel discussion will take place on the morning of Wednesday, 2 October 2002.

4. Presentation by the High Commissioner

The Standing Committee agreed at its twenty-third meeting in March 2002, that in place of the annual theme, the debate will focus, as last year, on the statement of the High Commissioner at the beginning of the session.

The Committee will have before it an outline of the High Commissioner's statement. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

5. Guest Speakers

Brief statements will be made to the Committee by Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF.

6. Reports on the Work of the Standing Committee

Under this item, the Committee will review successively the results of the work of the Standing Committee on international protection, and of its work on programme, administrative and financial matters.¹

(a) International Protection

Of particular relevance to the deliberations of the Committee is the *Report of the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/969) the High Commissioner's *Note on International Protection* (A/AC.96/965) and its Addendum, the *Agenda for Protection* (A/AC.96/965/Add.1) resulting from the Global Consultations on International Protection that were concluded in 2002. The latter document is in accordance with the decision of the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee referred to the Executive Committee for endorsement. The Executive Committee will also consider draft conclusions on international protection, on the reception of asylum-seekers and on the civilian and humanitarian nature of asylum, as part of its annual proceedings.

(b) Programme, Administrative and Financial Matters

The Committee will have before it the following reports of relevance to these matters:

- *Report on the Work of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/970);
- *Report of the Twenty-third Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/960);
- *Report of the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/969);
- *Report of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/971), comprising a review of *Voluntary Funds Administered by the High Commissioner: Accounts for the Year 2001* (A/AC.96/962); *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 2001* (A/AC.96/963) and *Measures Taken or Proposed in Response to the Recommendations of the Report of the Board of Auditors* (A/AC.96/963/Add.1).

¹ The draft report of the Standing Committee's twenty-fifth meeting (26 September 2002) will be presented for adoption at the end of the afternoon of Wednesday, 2nd October 2002.

7. Consideration and Adoption of Programme Budget for 2002

Under this item, the Committee will review the country/regional and global programmes, as well as programme support budgets for 2003, and revised programmes and budgets for 2002. This review will be based on *UNHCR's Annual Programme Budget for 2003* (A/AC.96/964) and *Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions* (A/AC.96/964/Add.1).

8. Oversight activities

This item will include a review of the following activities:

- *Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (A/AC.96/966 - Section I)
- *Inspection and Investigation* (A/AC.96/966 - Section II)
- *General Audit* (A/AC.96/966 - Section III)

In light of its discussions under agenda items 7 and 8, the Executive Committee will consider draft decisions on administrative and financial matters, on funding mechanisms and on contributions of host countries.

9. Meetings of the Standing Committee in 2003

The Executive Committee will adopt a decision on the programme of work for the Standing Committee in 2003.

Also under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will consider applications by government delegations, intergovernmental and international organizations to participate as observers in the meetings of the Standing Committee in 2003, and adopt a decision. The decision will also include the participation of non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the decision taken by the Executive Committee at its fifty-first session (A/AC.96/944, para.34).

10. Consideration of the Provisional Agenda of the Fifty-fourth Session of the Executive Committee

The Committee will consider a draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Executive Committee.

11. Other statements

Brief statements will be made on the afternoon of Thursday, 3 October 2002, by the Rapporteur of the pre-ExCom consultations of non-governmental organizations, and by the Chairperson of UNHCR's Staff Council.

12. Any other business

13. Adoption of the Report of the Fifty-third Session of the Executive Committee

The draft report of the fifty-third session presented to the Committee for adoption will include the conclusions and decisions identified under the preceding agenda items.

14. Closure of the Session

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