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II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The Chairman of the Executive Committee will open its fifty-seventh session on Monday 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m, in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.
2. From Tuesday 3 October to Friday 6 October, the plenary session will take place in Conference Room XVII of the Palais des Nations.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

3. The Executive Committee will consider the *Provisional Annotated Agenda*, contained in A/AC.96/LVII/L.1, as the basis for adoption of the agenda of the session.

Item 3: Introductory statement by the High Commissioner

4. The High Commissioner's statement will provide an overview of the operational and policy priorities facing his Office. The Committee will also have before it a number of bullet-point summaries covering recent operational developments at the regional and global level.

Item 4: General debate

5. The general debate is articulated around issues raised in the opening statement of the High Commissioner. The Committee will have received in good time an outline of the High Commissioner's statement.

Item 5: Consideration of reports on the work of the Standing Committee

6. Under this item, the Committee will review successively the results of the work of the Standing Committee on international protection and on programme budgets, management, financial control and administrative oversight.¹

(a) International protection

7. Of relevance to the deliberations of the Committee are the High Commissioner's *Note on International Protection* (A/AC.96/1024), the *Report on the Work of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1033) and the *Reports of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth meetings of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1022 and A/AC.96/1032) which, inter alia, review implementation of the Agenda for Protection (A/AC.96/965/Add.1).

¹ The draft report of the Standing Committee's thirty-seventh meeting (20 to 21 September 2006) will be presented for adoption at the end of the afternoon on Tuesday 3 October 2006.

8 The Executive Committee will also consider draft conclusions on women and girls at risk, and on identification, prevention and reduction of statelessness and protection of stateless persons.

(b) Programme budgets, management, financial control and administrative oversight

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

(i) *Report on the Work of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1033);

(ii) *Report of the Thirty-fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1022);

(iii) *Report of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1032);

(iv) *Report of the Thirty-seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1034);

(v) *Voluntary Funds Administered by the High Commissioner: Accounts for the Year 2005* (A/AC.96/1023) and *Audit Opinion* (A/AC.96/1023/Add.1);

(vi) *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 2005* (A/AC.96/1025), and *Measures Taken or Proposed in Response to the Recommendations of the Report of the Board of Auditors* (A/AC.96/1025/Add.1);

(vii) *Report on Internal Audit in UNHCR for 2005-2006* (A/AC.96/1027).

Item 6: Reports relating to programme and administrative oversight and evaluation

10. This item will include a review of the following reports:

(i) *Report on Activities of the Inspector General's Office* (A/AC.96/1028);

(ii) *Report on Evaluation and Policy Development* (A/AC.96/1029).

Item 7: Consideration and adoption of the Annual Programme Budget

11. Under this item, the Committee will review programme activities and support budgets for 2007, and revised programmes and budgets for 2006. This review will be based on *UNHCR's Annual Programme Budget for 2007* (A/AC.96/1026) and the *Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions* (A/AC.96/1026/Add.1).

12. In light of its discussions under agenda items 5(b), 6 and 7, the Executive Committee will consider a draft decision on administrative and financial matters.

Item 8: Review of the Annual Consultations with non-governmental organizations

13. The Rapporteur of the Annual Consultations with non-governmental organizations will make a statement to the Committee.

Item 9: Other statements

14. The Chairperson of UNHCR's Staff Council will make a statement on the afternoon of Thursday 5 October 2006.

Item 10: Meetings of the Standing Committee in 2007

15. The Executive Committee will adopt a decision on the programme of work for the Standing Committee in 2007.

16. Also under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will adopt a decision on applications by government delegations, intergovernmental and international organizations to participate as observers in the meetings of the Standing Committee in 2007.

Item 11: Consideration of the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the Executive Committee

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

Item 12: Election of officers

18. The Executive Committee will elect its officers to serve as of the day following the end of the fifty-seventh annual plenary session and until the end of the fifty-eighth plenary session: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur. Following the election, the Chairperson-elect will make a brief statement to the Committee.

Item 13: Any other business

Item 14: Adoption of the report of the fifty-seventh session of the Executive Committee

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

Item 15: Closing of the session

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