

Fifty-eighth session
1-5 October 2007

Provisional Agenda and Annotations

Note by the Secretariat

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II. ANNOTATIONS

Item 1: Opening of the session

The Chairman of the Executive Committee will open its fifty-eighth session on Monday 1 October 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations in Geneva. From Tuesday 2 October to Friday 5 October, the plenary session will take place in Conference Room XVIII of the Palais des Nations.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Executive Committee will consider the provisional agenda contained in A/AC.96/LVIII/L.1 as the basis for adoption of the agenda of the session.

Item 3: Introductory statement by the High Commissioner

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 levels.

Item 4: General debate

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

Item 5: 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 on programme budgets, management, financial control and administrative oversight.¹

(a) International protection

Of particular relevance to the deliberations of the Committee under this sub-item are:

- (i) the High Commissioner's *Note on International Protection* (A/AC.96/1038) which, inter alia, reviews implementation of the Agenda for Protection (A/AC.96/965/Add.1);
- (ii) *Report on the Work of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1046);
- (iii) *Reports of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth meetings of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1037 and A/AC.96/1045).

The Executive Committee will also consider a draft conclusion on children at risk.

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

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

- *Report on the Work of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1046);
- *Report of the Thirty-eighth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1037);
- *Report of the Thirty-ninth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1045);
- *Report of the Fortieth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/1047);
- *Voluntary Funds Administered by the High Commissioner: Accounts for the Year 2006* (A/AC.96/1036) and *Audit Opinion* (A/AC.96/1036/Add.1);
- *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 2006* (A/AC.96/1039), and *Measures Taken or Proposed in Response to the Recommendations of the Report of the Board of Auditors* (A/AC.96/1039/Add.1);
- *Report on Internal Audit in UNHCR for 2006-2007* (A/AC.96/1041).

¹ The draft report of the Standing Committee's Fortieth meeting (19 to 20 September 2007) will be presented for adoption at the end of the afternoon on Tuesday 2 October 2007.

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

This item will include review of the following reports:

- *Report on Activities of the Inspector General's Office (A/AC.96/1042);*
- *Report on Evaluation and Policy Development (A/AC.96/1043).*

Item 7: Consideration and adoption of the Biennial Programme Budget 2008-2009

Under this item the Committee will review programme activities and support budgets for 2008-2009, and revised programmes and budgets for 2007. This review will be based on *UNHCR's Biennial Programme Budget for 2008-2009 (A/AC.96/1040)* and the *Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Question (A/AC.96/1040/Add.1)*. The Committee will also consider the proposed revision of the *Financial Rules for Voluntary Funds Administered by the High Commissioner for Refugees (A/AC.96/503/Rev. 8)* relating to changes required by the biennialization of the programme budget.

In light of its discussions under agenda items 5(b), 6 and 7, the Executive Committee will consider a draft general decision on administrative and financial matters, as well as a draft decision on the proposed revision of the *Financial Rules*.

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

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

Item 9: Other statements

The Chairperson of UNHCR's Staff Council will make a statement on the afternoon of Thursday 4 October 2007.

Item 10: Meetings of the Standing Committee in 2008

The Executive Committee will adopt decisions on:

- (i) the programme of work for the Standing Committee in 2008;
- (ii) applications by government delegations, intergovernmental and international organizations to participate as observers in the meetings of the Standing Committee in 2008;
- (iii) the nature and value of Executive Committee conclusions on international protection, including to review the process leading to their adoption and the effectiveness of this process with regard to contributions by Standing Committee Observers, in accordance with the decision taken by the Executive Committee at its fifty-seventh session (A/AC.96/1035, para. 20(e));
- (iv) options for extending the input in the work of the Executive Committee from non-governmental organizations which are implementing or operational partners of UNHCR, in accordance with the decision taken by the Executive Committee at its fifty-seventh session (A/AC.96/1035, para. 20(f)).

Item 11: Provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the Executive Committee

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

Item 12: Election of officers

The Executive Committee will elect its officers to serve as of the day following the end of the fifty-eighth annual plenary session and until the end of the fifty-ninth 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-eighth session of the Executive Committee

The draft report of the fifty-eighth 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

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