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STANDING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2004

The attached calendar of work of the Standing Committee in 2004 was endorsed by the Standing Committee at its planning meeting on 8 December 2003. The calendar is presented to the twenty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee for formal adoption in accordance with the decision taken at the fifty-fourth session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (A/AC.96/987, para. 25 b).

CALENDAR



STANDING COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2004

	29th Meeting 9-11 March 2004	30th Meeting 29 June – 1 July 2004	31st Meeting 23-24 September 2004
PROGRAMMES, BUDGETS AND FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programmes, budgets and funding¹ • Strategic presentations on Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, CASWANAME, and Europe² • Global Programmes and Partnerships³ • Emergency Response and Preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programmes, budgets and funding¹ • Global Report (2003) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programmes, budgets and funding¹ • Annual Programme Budget 2005, including the Report of the ACABQ
INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral update on implementation of the Agenda for Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note on International Protection, including information on implementation of Agenda for Protection⁴ • Resettlement (progress report) • Presentation of study of mass influx • Legal safety issues in the context of voluntary repatriation 	
PROTECTION / PROGRAMME POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic and social impact of massive refugee populations on host developing countries, as well as other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up to evaluations on refugee women/children/community services⁵ • Protracted refugee situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and security issues

¹ Including information on the pilot implementation of a dual-component Operational Reserve and on the result so far of the 30% Base level approach

² These and the following presentation on Global Programmes and Partnerships, will be closely referenced to the Global Objectives and relevant aspects of the Agenda for Protection

³ Information on partnerships will cover operational agreements with agencies of the UN family, as well as sector-specific initiatives supported by member Governments

⁴ Draft conclusions to be prepared for ExCom's 55th session include: General conclusion on international protection; Framework considerations for responsibility-sharing in mass influx situations; Legal safety issues in the context of voluntary repatriation. (*Pour mémoire* - draft conclusions for 56th session will include: General conclusion on international protection; Complementary forms of protection; Asylum procedures; Local integration)

⁵ Incorporating biennial reporting on refugee women and children

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COORDINATION		Elements for UNHCR's oral update to ECOSOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on coordination issues
MANAGEMENT, FINANCE, OVERSIGHT AND HUMAN RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on follow-up to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary funds administered by the High Commissioner: Accounts for the year 2003 Oversight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the Accounts of the Voluntary Funds Administered by UNHCR for the period ended December 2003 Measures taken or proposed in response to recommendations in the Report of the Board of Auditors Follow-up on actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year 2002⁶ Internal Audit Human Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Update on implementation of Human Resources policies⁷
GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection of Annual Theme for the fifty-fifth Session of the Executive Committee 		

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⁶ This will include discussions of the Office's strategy with respect to IT expenditure

⁷ This will include discussion of the management measures taken with respect to staff in between assignments