



The Executive Committee
of the High Commissioner's
Programme
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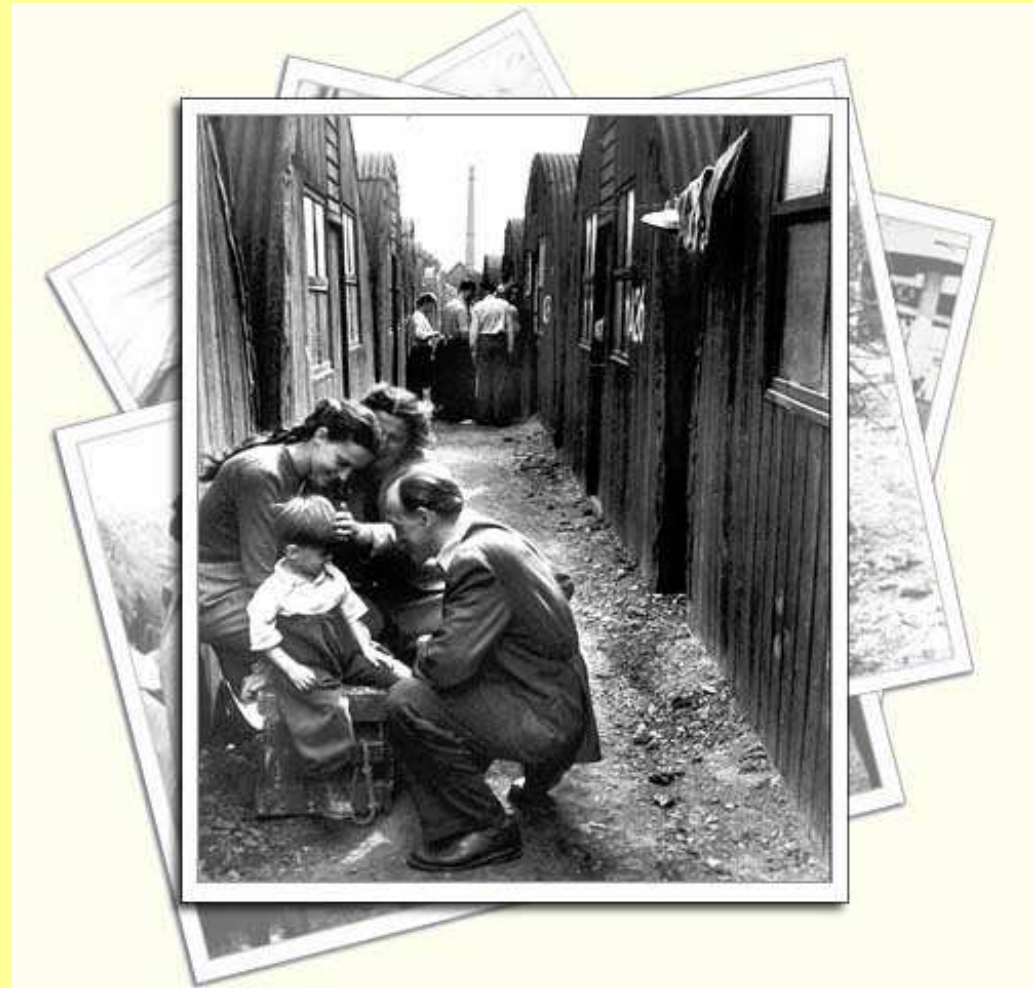
Governance and UNHCR

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The Executive Committee (ExCom)

- Established in 1958 at the request of the General Assembly, GA Res. 1166 (XII)
- ...by ECOSOC Res. 672 (XXV)

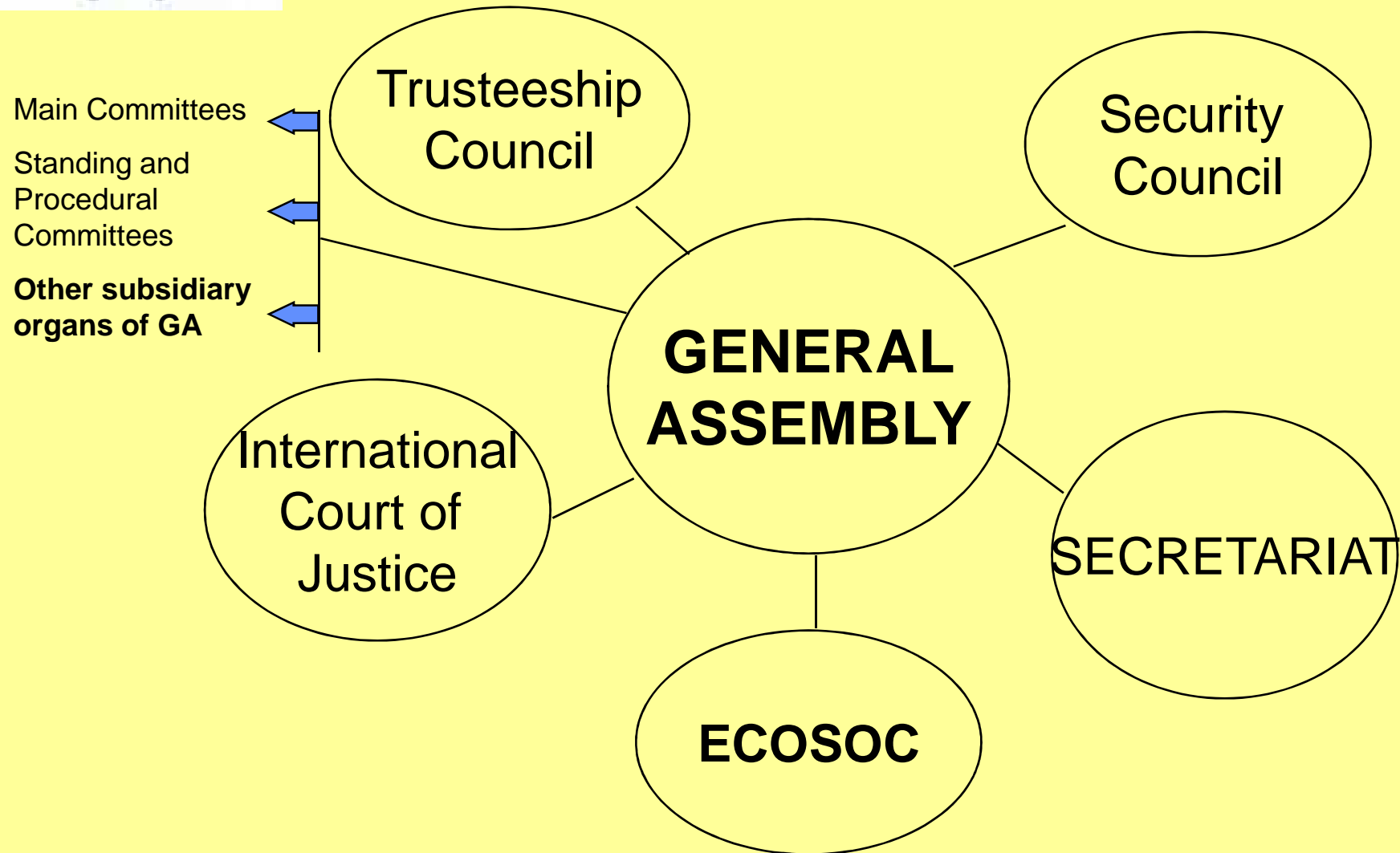




**63rd Session of the Executive Committee,
Palais des Nations, 1-5 October 2012**



Principal organs of the United Nations



Mandate of the Executive Committee

Advises the HC, at his request, in the exercise of his functions

Reviews funds and programmes

Authorizes appeals for funds and approves projects for assistance, through approval of proposed and current biennial budgets



Organization of work

- One annual session, held in Geneva each October.
 - Review the work of the Standing Committee;
 - Review financial requirements and approve the budget;
 - Adopt decisions and conclusions
- One *ad-hoc* meeting of the GA (pledging for the appeal), by GA Resolution

Four functions of ExCom

- Governance
- Advisory
- Normative
- Informational



Standing Committee

- Created in 1995.
- Meets 3 times each year to carry on ExCom's work between plenary sessions.
- Delegated authority to adopt conclusions and decisions.

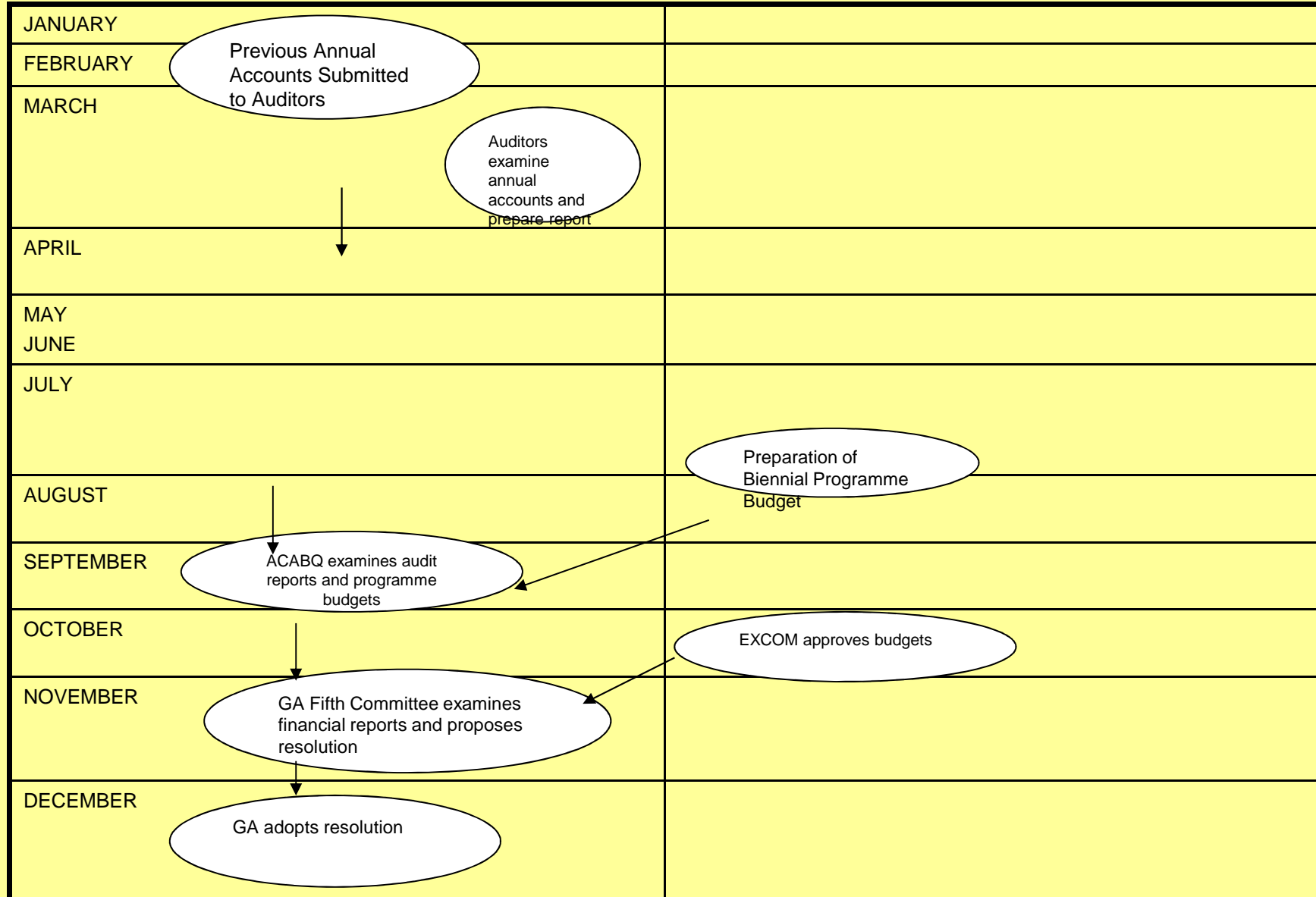


Governance Reporting beyond the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee

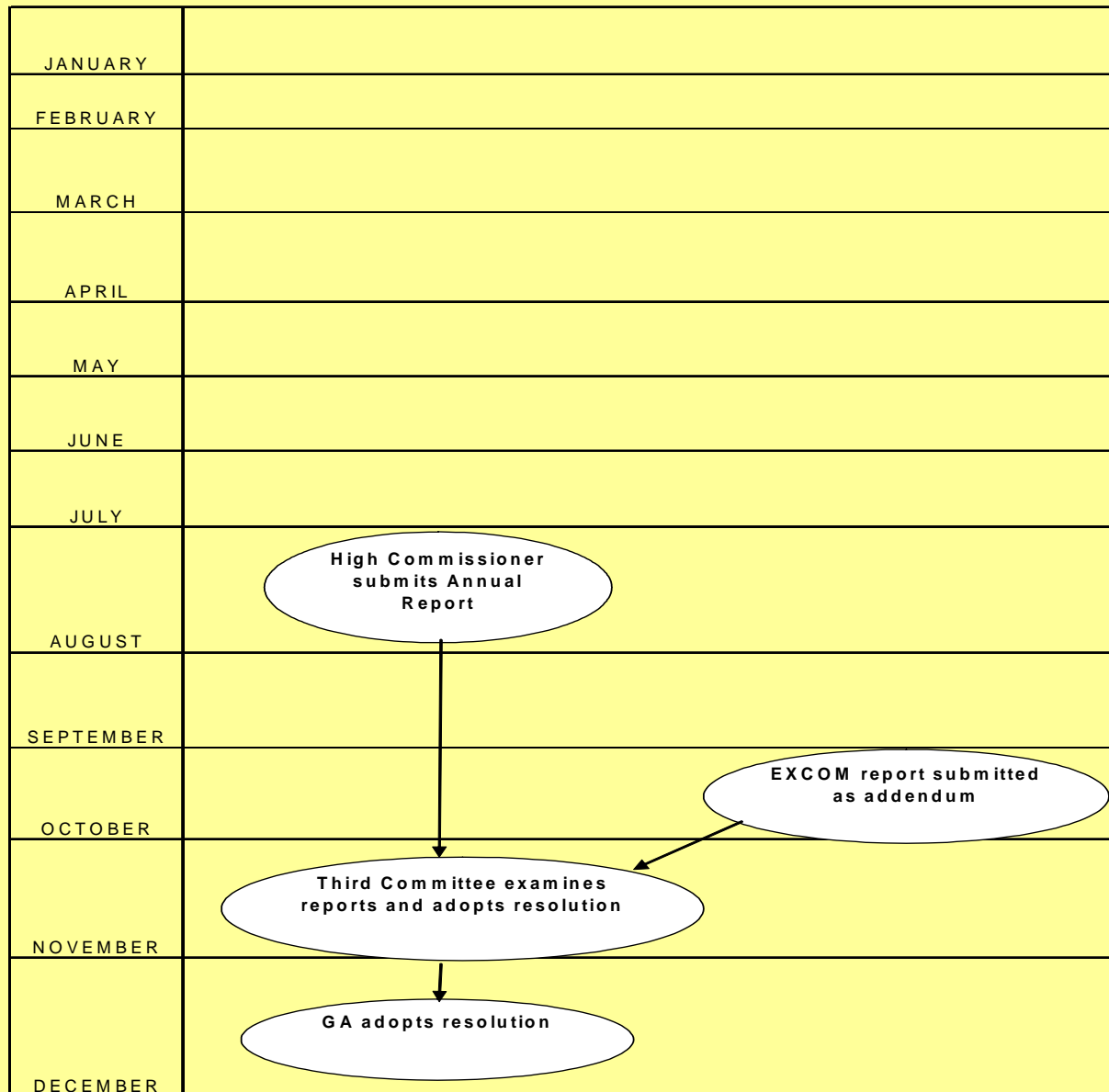
takes several forms:

- High Commissioner's annual report to the General Assembly
- Oral report on coordination aspects of UNHCR's work to ECOSOC
- Secretary-General reports to the GA coordinated by UNHCR

UNHCR's Budget Process



HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT FLOW CHART



General Assembly resolutions



- Omnibus resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa
- Potentially other thematic or regional resolutions
- Enlargement resolution (approving new Executive Committee members)

Membership in the Executive Committee

- Members are elected by ECOSOC
- Criteria for membership include a demonstrated interest in and devotion to the solution of “the refugee problem”
- Membership should include the widest possible geographical representation



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