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Consideration of reports of the Standing Committee

Report of the Standing Committee on its eighty-fourth meeting (28-30 June 2022)

I. Introduction

1. The Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (Executive Committee) held its eighty-fourth meeting at the International Conference Centre Geneva from 28 to 30 June 2022.
2. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva, opened the eighty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee. The Second Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations Office at Geneva, assisted in the chairing of the meeting.
3. All documents cited in this report and all available presentations made by senior managers of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) during the meeting can be found on the Standing Committee webpage (www.unhcr.org/standing-committee-meetings.html).

II. Representation

4. The following Executive Committee members were represented at the meeting:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



5. Other United Nations Member States present as Standing Committee observers were as follows:

Angola, Central African Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Niger, Panama and Ukraine.

6. The European Union was represented as an observer. Also present were the following intergovernmental organizations and other entities:

International Development Law Organization, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Sovereign Order of Malta.

7. The United Nations system, specialized agencies and related organizations were represented as follows:

The United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme.

8. Nine non-governmental organizations were in attendance.

III. Adoption of the agenda

9. The Committee adopted by consensus the following agenda for the meeting:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. International protection
 - (a) Note on International protection;
 - (b) Oral update on Executive Committee conclusion(s).
3. Regional activities and global programmes
 - (a) Emergency preparedness and response;
 - (b) Security of the workforce and operations of UNHCR;
 - (c) Solutions; and
 - (d) The engagement of UNHCR with internally displaced persons.
4. Programme/protection policy: The coordination efforts of UNHCR to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees.
5. Management, financial control, administrative oversight and human resources: Revision of the terms of reference and criteria for membership of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee.
6. Programme budgets and funding
 - (a) Update on budgets and funding; and
 - (b) Global Report 2021 (including the global strategic priorities).
7. Governance.
8. Any other business.

IV. Work of the eighty-fourth meeting

10. The Deputy High Commissioner delivered an opening statement. The Assistant High Commissioner (Protection) then provided an overview of the challenges and opportunities facing UNHCR in the area of international protection.

11. Presentations under each agenda item were made by senior management of UNHCR, and Executive Committee members and Standing Committee observers were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Comprehensive summary records of the

discussion will be made available on the Standing Committee webpage (www.unhcr.org/standing-committee-meetings.html). The documents considered during the meeting are listed in the annex and are also available on the Standing Committee webpage.

V. Decisions of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

12. The following decisions were adopted by the Committee:

A. Decision on budgets and funding for 2021 and 2022

13. *The Standing Committee,*

Recalling the Executive Committee's decisions at its seventieth and seventy-first plenary sessions on administrative, financial and programme matters (A/AC.96/1198, para. 13 and A/AC.96/1209, para. 12), as well as its discussions under the programme budgets and funding item at the eighty-third meeting of the Standing Committee in March 2022,

Reaffirming the importance of responsibility-sharing in solidarity with countries hosting refugees,

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventieth session, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the UNHCR 2020-2021 biennial programme budget, amounting to \$8,667.7 million and \$8,615.8 million for 2020 and 2021, respectively,

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-first session, approved revised programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the UNHCR 2020-2021 biennial programme budget (revised), amounting to \$9,131.3 million and \$8,615.8 million for 2020 and 2021, respectively,

Notes that the final 2021 supplementary budgets amounted to \$631.7 million for programmes benefiting the UNHCR global refugee programme and projects for internally displaced persons,

Takes note of the increase in UNHCR's annual budget for 2021 to a final total of \$9,247.6 million, representing the sum of the original budget of \$8,615.8 million and the final supplementary budgets of \$631.7 million,

Takes note of the financial and budgetary performance in 2021,

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-second plenary session in October 2021, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the UNHCR 2022 annual programme budget, amounting to \$8,993.7 million (A/AC.96/1220, para. 13 (d)),

Takes note of the increase in the UNHCR annual budget for 2022 to a current total of \$10,534.0 million as at 30 April 2022, representing the sum of the original budget of \$8,993.7 million and the supplementary budgets of \$1,540.3 million,

Recognizes that emergencies and unforeseen activities unfolding in 2022 may result in the need for additional or expanded supplementary budgets and that additional resources, over and above those for existing budgets, would be needed to meet such needs, and

Urges member States to continue to respond generously, in the spirit of solidarity and in a timely manner, to the High Commissioner's appeal for resources to meet in full the annual budget for 2022.

B. Decision on the revised terms of reference and criteria for membership of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee

14. *The Standing Committee,*

Having considered the proposed revisions of the terms of reference and criteria for membership of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee as set out in Annex I of document EC/73/SC/CRP.16;

Taking into account the need to update and clarify aspects of the terms of reference in order to ensure the optimal functioning of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee over time, and the consensus among the Committee and the High Commissioner on the proposed amendments;

Decides to adopt the revised terms of reference and criteria for membership of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee as presented in annex I of EC/73/SC/CRP.16.

Annex

List of documents considered by the eighty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee

- Provisional annotated agenda
 - Note on international protection
 - Emergency preparedness and response
 - Security of the workforce and operations of UNHCR
 - Solutions
 - The engagement of UNHCR with internally displaced persons
 - Measuring the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees
 - Revision of the terms of reference and criteria for membership of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee
 - Update on budgets and funding
 - Global Report 2021 (including the global strategic priorities)
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