

**56th Meeting of the Standing Committee
5-7 March 2013**

Agenda item 6(b)

Introduction of the ExCom Conclusion theme

1. Following the Planning Meeting of December 2012, the Rapporteur wrote to Executive Committee members in January 2013 to invite States to submit proposals for the theme of the 2013 conclusion on international protection.
2. The Rapporteur received three proposals for themes, two from UNHCR and one from the member States of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC). The two themes proposed by UNHCR were 1) birth registration and 2) Convention travel documents (CTDs). GRULAC proposed a conclusion on civil registration, focusing specifically on birth and death registration.
3. Executive Committee members met on 20 February 2013 to review the proposals made and to agree on the theme. The meeting was attended by 45 member States and 2 observer States. At the meeting, Executive Committee members agreed, by consensus, to pursue the theme proposed by GRULAC on civil registration, noting that it would incorporate the birth registration theme proposed by UNHCR. States requested UNHCR to prepare a zero draft of the text of the conclusion during April 2013. Following receipt of the draft, the Rapporteur will present the Committee with proposed dates for the negotiations.

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