

**Intergovernmental event at the ministerial level  
of Member States of the United Nations on the occasion  
of the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Convention  
relating to the Status of Refugees and  
the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention  
on the Reduction of Statelessness  
(7-8 December 2011)**

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## Draft Programme

(Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations)

	Wednesday, 7 December 2011	Thursday, 8 December 2011
10:00-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Co-Chair's welcoming remarks</li> <li>○ Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>○ Refugee introduces film: "Refugee Women Speak Out"</li> <li>○ High Commissioner's address</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Plenary: Ministerial Statements (including announcements of pledges)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plenary: Statements (including announcements of pledges)</b></li> </ul>
13:00-13:30	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
13:30-15:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roundtable:</b> Protection challenges and opportunities: Where will we be in ten years? (Room XVI)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roundtable:</b> International cooperation, solidarity and burden sharing, including in protracted refugee situations (Room XVI)</p>
15:00-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plenary: Statements (including announcements of pledges)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plenary: Statements (including announcements of pledges)</b></li> <li>• <b>Adoption of the Ministerial Communiqué</b></li> <li>• <b>Closing</b></li> </ul>

**Special Treaty Event:** A special treaty event will be held at 18:00 on Wednesday, 7 December, in the Salon Suisse/Salon des délégués at the Palais des Nations. The special treaty event will enable States to deposit their instruments of accession to the refugee and/or statelessness conventions in the presence of the High Commissioner and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. All States that have ratified/acceded to the conventions earlier in this commemorations year, are also welcome to take part in the event.

**Cocktail:** At 18:30 on Wednesday, 7 December, a cocktail dînatoire will be held in the Salle des Pas Perdus at the invitation of the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

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