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## Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

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### Standing Committee Eighty-seventh meeting

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## Report of the eighty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee (14-16 June 2023)

### I. Introduction

1. The Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (Executive Committee) held its eighty-seventh meeting, from 14 to 16 June 2023, at the Mercure Geneva Airport Hotel.
2. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations Office at Geneva, opened the eighty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee, welcoming Angola as the 108<sup>th</sup> member of the Executive Committee, and Malaysia as an observer for the period October 2022 to October 2023. The Second Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations Office at Geneva, assisted in the chairing of the meeting on the second day. Also chairing on the third day, was First Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations Office at Geneva.
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](http://www.unhcr.org/standing-committee-meetings)).

### II. Representation

4. The following Executive Committee members were represented at the meeting:  
Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, the Holy See, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Serbia, 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, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
5. Other United Nations Member States present as Standing Committee observers were as follows:  
El Salvador, Gambia (Republic of the), Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Níger, Panama, Sierra Leone 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. Present from the United Nations system, specialized agencies and related organizations was: the World Food Programme.

8. Six 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) Statelessness (including an update on the #Ibelong campaign);
  - (c) Oral update on Executive Committee conclusion.
3. Regional activities and global programmes
  - (a) Solutions;
  - (b) The engagement of UNHCR with internally displaced persons.
4. Programme/protection policy: An update on the coordination efforts of UNHCR to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees.
5. Programme budgets and funding
  - (a) Update on budgets and funding;
  - (b) Global Report 2022.
6. Any other business.

### **IV. Work of the eighty-seventh 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](http://www.unhcr.org/standing-committee-meetings)). The documents considered during the meeting are listed in the annex and are also available on the Standing Committee webpage.

### **V. Decision of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme**

12. The following decision was adopted by the Committee:

## **Decision on budgets and funding for 2022 and 2023**

*The Standing Committee,*

*Recalling* the Executive Committee's decisions at its seventy-third plenary session on administrative, financial and programme matters (A/77/12/Add.1, para. 13 (c)) as well as its discussions under the programme budgets and funding item at the eighty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee in March 2023,

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

*Recalls* that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-second session, 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,

*Notes* that the final 2022 supplementary budgets amounted to \$1,720.3 million for programmes benefiting the UNHCR programmes and projects,

*Takes note* of the increase in the UNHCR annual budget for 2022 to a final total of \$10,714.0 million, representing the sum of the original budget of \$8,993.7 million and the final supplementary budgets of \$1,720.3 million,

*Takes note* of the financial and budgetary performance in 2022,

*Recalls* that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-third plenary session in October 2022, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the UNHCR 2023 annual programme budget, amounting to \$10,211.3 million (A/AC.96/1224),

*Takes note* of the increase in the UNHCR annual budget for 2023 to a current total of \$10,660.1 million as of 30 April 2023, representing the sum of the original budget of \$10,211.3 million, the supplementary budgets of \$548.8 million and a budget reduction of \$100.0 million,

*Recognizes* that emergencies and unforeseen activities unfolding in 2023 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 2023.

## **Annex**

### **List of documents considered by the eighty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee**

*Documentation:*

- Provisional annotated agenda
  - Note on international protection
  - Statelessness (including an update on the #Ibelong campaign)
  - Solutions
  - The engagement of UNHCR with internally displaced persons
  - An update on the coordination efforts of UNHCR to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees
  - Update on budgets and funding
  - Global Report 2022
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