

Agenda item 4: International protection
Oral update on the ExCom conclusion process
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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Deputy High Commissioner

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

As UNHCR Rapporteur for this 76th session, it is my pleasure to update you on the Executive Committee Conclusions on International Protection process.

Over the course of this session, I have convened the membership on several occasions to consider the way forward regarding an Executive Committee Conclusion in 2025.

In view of the unprecedented moment of challenge facing UNHCR and the wider multilateral system, the membership recognises the need to focus on addressing these challenges, which is why the Executive Committee has agreed not to pursue this year the “*Conclusion on climate action as relevant to UNHCR’s activities*”, as foreseen in the 2024 to 2026 multi-year workplan.

Instead, the Executive Committee has agreed in principle on a decision to extend the timeline of the multi-year workplan until 2027 and to consider the 2025 theme in 2027. The decision text passed through silence procedure and has now been adopted *ad referendum*. This decision will be formally presented for adoption by the membership at the 76th plenary session of the Executive Committee in October and will for reference be included in the report of the session.

In addition, amidst this challenging time, the membership instructed me to prepare an Executive Committee Statement, expressing its utmost solidarity and support to UNHCR.

Precisely in moments like this, solidarity matters, and we are reminded of the importance of finding a way to come together, to shrink the distance between those in need and those who could help.

The Executive Committee has agreed a Statement expressing membership support for UNHCR's mandate, noting deep concern over the financial challenges UNHCR faces, recognising the vital contribution of hosting countries and reaffirming our shared responsibility in ensuring the principles of protection for those we serve.

In this pivotal moment, the membership chooses to come together and make this reaffirmation of our commitment.

The Executive Committee Statement will be presented at the 76th plenary session of the Executive Committee in October and will for reference be included in the report of the session.

Thank you.