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REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME
HELD AT GENEVA ON 30 JUNE 2005

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

1. An extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme was held on 30 June 2005 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Hernán Escudero Martínez (Ecuador), Chairman of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

B. Opening of the Meeting

2. The Chairman opened the meeting, the sole purpose of which was to elect a Chairman of the Executive Committee.

C. Representation on the Committee

3. The following members of the Committee were represented at the session:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela and Zambia.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

4. The Executive Committee adopted by consensus the following agenda :

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of a Chairman
4. Any other business
5. Closing remarks by the Deputy High Commissioner and the Chairman

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

5. The Chairman recalled that as he was unfortunately unable to continue in his duties as Chairman, the Executive Committee needed to elect a new Chairman to replace him for the remainder of his term of office. In accordance with the appropriate rules of procedure, that term of office would come to an end on the last day of the fifty-sixth annual plenary session of the Executive Committee.

6. The Committee by acclamation elected as Chairman of the Executive Committee His Excellency Ambassador Juan Martabit (Chile), who had been nominated by the Permanent Representative of Colombia, a nomination which was seconded by the Permanent Representative of France.

7. A full account of the deliberations of the Committee is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/AC.96/SR. 589).