

## DECISION ON EVALUATION REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL RESERVE CATEGORY II

*The Standing Committee,*

*Recalling* the Executive Committee's decision (A/AC.96/1021, para 23 (f)) in which it requested a further independent evaluation of the Operational Reserve Category II,

1. *Notes* with appreciation the report of the independent evaluation;
2. *Decides* to recommend that the Executive Committee at its fifty-seventh annual plenary session take a decision to incorporate into the Annual Programme Budget a new budget category for New or Additional Activities that are "mandate-related" as defined in the evaluation report (para. 22);
3. *Authorizes* UNHCR to include in its draft Annual Programme Budget for 2007 such a budget category with an appropriation level up to \$50 million;
4. *Further asks* that UNHCR take steps to improve transparency in the operation of this new budget category along the lines recommended in the evaluation report (para. 23);
5. *Calls* on UNHCR to develop clearer criteria for the management of such a budget category that reflect the elements contained in paragraphs 20-22 of the evaluation report, and to share such criteria with the next meeting of the Standing Committee;
6. *Authorizes* UNHCR to charge an overhead charge of 7 per cent, effective as of the date of this decision, to be deducted from contributions to the proposed budget category.