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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME

Sixtieth session Extraordinary meeting: 1 September 2009

> Report of the extraordinary meeting of the sixtieth session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

> > Note by the High Commissioner

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. <u>Background</u>

1. An extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme was held on 1 September 2009, chaired by Her Excellency Ambassador Caroline Millar (Australia), Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

B. Opening of the Meeting

2. The Vice-Chairperson opened the meeting, the sole purpose of which was to elect a new Chairperson.

C. <u>Representation on the Committee</u>

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

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, , Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia

D. Adoption of the Agenda

- 4. The Executive Committee adopted by consensus the following agenda (A/AC.96/1076):
 - 1. Opening remarks by the Vice-Chairperson
 - 2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 3. Election of a Chairperson
 - 4. Any other business
 - 5. Closing remarks

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

5. The Vice-Chairperson recalled that as the Chairperson was unfortunately unable to continue in her duties as Chairperson, the Executive Committee needed to elect a new Chairperson to replace her for the remainder of her 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 sixtieth annual plenary session of the Executive Committee.

6. The Committee elected as Chairperson of the Executive Committee, by acclamation, His Excellency Ambassador Alberto J. Dumont (Argentina), who had been nominated by the Permanent Representative of Ecuador, a nomination which was seconded by the Permanent Representative of Cyprus.

7. A full account of the deliberations of the Committee is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/AC.96/SR.627).
