

MEMBER STATES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME

UNHCR's governing body – the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom) – was created in 1958, pursuant to a request by the General Assembly. Its main tasks are to approve the High Commissioner's assistance programmes, advise the High Commissioner in the exercise of his/her functions (mainly on protection issues), and oversee the Office's finances and administration.

ExCom holds an annual session in Geneva every October. The 62nd session was held from 3 to 7 October 2011. Meetings of the Executive Committee's Standing Committee are held at various dates throughout the year.

Membership is on the widest possible geographical basis from those States (members of the United Nations and others) with a demonstrated interest in, and devotion to, the solution of refugee problems. In 2011, the 85 members were:

Algeria	Holy See	Serbia
Argentina	Hungary	Slovenia
Australia		Somalia
Austria	India	South Africa
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Spain
Bangladesh	Ireland	Sudan
Belgium	Israel	Sweden
Benin	Italy	Switzerland
Brazil		
Bulgaria	Japan	Thailand
	Jordan	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Cameroon		Togo
Canada	Kenya	Tunisia
Chile		Turkey
China	Lebanon	Turkmenistan
Colombia	Lesotho	
Congo	Luxembourg	Uganda
Costa Rica		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	United Republic of Tanzania
Croatia	Mexico	United States of America
Cyprus	Montenegro	
	Morocco	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mozambique	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Denmark	Namibia	
Djibouti	Netherlands	
	New Zealand	
Ecuador	Nicaragua	
Egypt	Nigeria	Yemen
Estonia	Norway	Zambia
Ethiopia		
	Pakistan	
Finland	Philippines	
France	Poland	
	Portugal	
Germany		
Ghana	Republic of Korea	
Greece	Republic of Moldova	
Guinea	Romania	
	Russian Federation	