

**Statement by the Assistant High Commissioner-Protection  
at the Sixty-first session of the Executive Committee of the  
High Commissioner's Programme  
under agenda item 5(a)**

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**Elements**

In her introduction to agenda item 5 (a) on International Protection, and on the eve of the year of commemoration of important anniversaries for UNHCR, the Assistant High Commissioner-Protection will comment on progress and challenges confronting protection today, and offer some reflections on possible ways forward for UNHCR and the international community. Her statement will cover the following elements:

- Protection and solutions developments: progress and setbacks;
- The protection framework, its continuing relevance and areas for further development;
- State responsibility for protection; UNHCR's protection delivery (including refugee status determination); and UNHCR's guidance and advice;
- The problem of mixed flows and secondary movements;
- New challenges ahead, including the regionalization of protection and environmentally driven displacement.

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