

**72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee  
(19-21 June 2018)  
Agenda item 5 (A)**

**Oral update on UNHCR's coordination efforts to measure  
the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees**

Introduction

- Brief review of this initiative, its history and process.
- Brief review of steps taken in 2018 since the adoption of United Nations resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Res/72/150) on 19 December 2017 (informal consultations with Member States, with the World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and others).

Important insights

- Summary of views from the Member States on the objectives, the purpose and the process that UNHCR envisages coordinating.
- Review of critical questions (coverage of variables, cost benefit analysis, data and evidence).
- Review of important methodological and technical issues for assessing (i) donor contributions, (ii) host country contributions, and (iii) design of a metric to demonstrate inequality.
- Validation of the proposed approach and time line (first report to be delivered in the second half of 2019).

Proposed way forward

- The High Commissioner to include an overview of progress made in his annual report to the General Assembly.
  - Develop indicative work plan, including possible country situations for inclusion in the data gathering exercise, which could comprise the following activities:
    - Identify potentially interested Member States statistical commissions or offices to compose a representative group of technical expertise to support work plan;
    - Initial round of expert discussions on method and process for the continuation of the work;
    - Convene a discussion on methodologies and data in the margins of the meetings of the Standing Committee in September 2018, follow up with second round in spring 2019, submission of data by member State contributors, preparation of draft report to be finalized in the second half of 2019.
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