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Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections

Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its decision 70/410, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (see [A/70/548](#)), elected Filippo Grandi (Italy) as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 2016 and ending on 31 December 2020.
2. By its decision 75/411, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (see [A/75/338](#)), elected Mr. Grandi as High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two and a half years, beginning on 1 January 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.
3. While the Secretary-General had intended to request the General Assembly to elect Mr. Grandi as High Commissioner for Refugees for a further term of five years, Mr. Grandi was agreeable, owing to personal reasons, to a shorter term of two and a half years. Mr. Grandi has now conveyed to the Secretary-General that he is available to serve a full five-year term.
4. The Secretary-General therefore proposes to the General Assembly that the term of office of Mr. Grandi be extended for a period of two and a half years, beginning on 1 July 2023 and ending on 31 December 2025.
5. In accordance with the above-mentioned provision of the General Assembly, members may wish to recall that, by paragraph 9 of its resolution [58/153](#), the Assembly decided to remove the temporal limitation on the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner contained in its resolution [57/186](#) and to continue the Office until the refugee problem is solved.

* [A/77/150](#).

