

## 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 sixty-sixth session was held from 5 October 2015 to 9 October 2015. 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 2015, the 98 members were:

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