

**Executive Committee of the
High Commissioner's Programme**

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Standing Committee
Eighty-third meeting

**Report of the eighty-third meeting of the Standing
Committee (8-10 March 2022)**

I. Introduction

1. The Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (Executive Committee) held its eighty-third meeting at the International Conference Centre Geneva from 8 to 10 March 2022, with many delegations participating remotely due to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
2. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva, opened the eighty-third meeting of the Standing Committee. The First Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations Office at Geneva, and the Second Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations Office at Geneva, assisted in the chairing of the meeting.
3. New requests for observer status were approved for the following States: the Central African Republic, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Gambia, Liberia, Niger and Sierra Leone. Including those approved at the seventy-third session of the Executive Committee in October 2021¹ this brought the total number of Standing Committee observer States for the period October 2021-October 2022 to 16².
4. All documents cited in this report and all available presentations made by senior managers of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) during the meeting can be found on the Standing Committee webpage (<https://www.unhcr.org/standing-committee-meetings.html>).

II. Representation

5. The following Executive Committee members were represented at the meeting:
Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
6. Other United Nations Member States present as Standing Committee observers were as follows:
Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Panama, Sierra Leone and Ukraine.
7. The European Union was represented as an observer. Also present were the following intergovernmental organizations and other entities:
International Development Law Organization and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.
8. The United Nations system, specialized agencies and related organizations were represented as follows:
Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Children's Fund, United, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, World Bank Group and The World Food Programme.
9. Nine non-governmental organizations were in attendance.

¹ See A/AC.96/1220, para 16.

² See <https://www.unhcr.org/excom/scaf/5bbc66644/excom-composition-period-october-2021-october-2022.html> (accessed on 24 March 2022).

III. Adoption of the agenda and Standing Committee work programme for 2022

10. The Committee adopted by consensus the following agenda for the meeting:
1. Adoption of the agenda.
 2. Adoption of the Standing Committee work programme for 2022.
 3. Regional activities and global programmes:
 - (a) Regional updates:
 - i. Asia and the Pacific;
 - ii. Middle East and North Africa ;
 - iii. Americas;
 - iv. Europe;
 - v. West and Central Africa;
 - vi. East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes; and
 - vii. Southern Africa.
 - (b) Global programmes, inclusion and resilience
 4. Management, financial control, administrative oversight and human resources
 - (a) The programme of UNHCR in the United Nations proposed framework for 2023;
 - (b) UNHCR financial regulations and rules; and
 - (c) Oral update on the work of the Inspector General's office.
 5. International protection: Oral update on the preparations for the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges.
 6. Coordination.
 7. Programme budgets and funding.
 8. Any other business.
11. The 2022 work programme, as discussed at the planning meeting held in December 2021, contained in annex I was adopted as presented.

IV. Work of the eighty-third meeting

12. The Deputy High Commissioner delivered an opening statement. The Assistant High Commissioner (Operations) then provided an overview of the challenges and opportunities facing UNHCR operations in the seven regions under its organizational structure and highlighted advances in key programmatic areas.

13. Presentations under each agenda item were made by senior management of UNHCR, and Executive Committee members and Standing Committee observers were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Comprehensive summary records of the discussion will be made available on the Standing Committee webpage (<https://www.unhcr.org/standing-committee-meetings.html>). The documents considered during the meeting are listed in annex II and are also available on the Standing Committee webpage.

V. Decisions of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

A. Programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for 2023

14. *The Standing Committee,*

Takes note of part VI, section 25, programme 21: International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees of the United Nations proposed programme budget for 2023.

B. Decision on budgets and funding for 2021 and 2022

15. *The Standing Committee,*

Recalling the Executive Committee's decisions, at its seventieth and seventy-first sessions on administrative, financial and programme matters (A/AC.96/1198, para. 13(c) and A/AC.96/1209, para. 12(b)), as well as its discussions under the programme budgets and funding item at the eighty-second meeting of the Standing Committee in September 2021,

Reaffirming the importance of greater responsibility-sharing in solidarity with countries hosting refugees,

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventieth session, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under UNHCR's 2020-2021 biennial programme budget, amounting to \$8,667.7 million and \$8,615.8 million for 2020 and 2021, respectively,

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-first session, approved revised programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under UNHCR's 2020-2021 biennial programme budget (revised), amounting to \$9,131.3 million and \$8,615.8 million for 2020 and 2021 respectively,

Notes that the final 2021 supplementary budgets amounted to \$631.7 million for programmes benefiting UNHCR's global refugee programme, and projects for internally displaced persons,

Takes note of the increase in the annual budget of UNHCR for 2021 to a final total of \$9,247.6 million, representing the sum of the revised budget of \$8,615.8 million and the final supplementary budgets of \$631.7 million,

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-second session in October 2021, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the 2022 annual programme budget for UNHCR, amounting to \$8,993.7 million (A/AC.96/1220, para. 13 (d)),

Takes note of the increase in UNHCR's annual budget for 2022 at a current total of \$9,287.2 million as at 31 January 2022, representing the sum of the original budget of \$8,993.7 million and the supplementary budgets of \$293.5 million,

Recognizes that emergencies and unforeseen activities unfolding in 2022 may result in the need for additional or expanded supplementary budgets and that additional resources, over and above those for existing budgets, would be needed to meet such needs, and

Urges member States to continue to respond generously, in the spirit of solidarity and in a timely manner, to the High Commissioner's appeal for resources to meet in full the annual budget for 2022.

Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme: Standing Committee work programme for 2022

<i>Theme</i>	<i>83rd meeting 8-10 March 2022</i>	<i>84th meeting 28-30 June 2022</i>	<i>85th meeting 19-20 September 2022</i>
Programme budgets and funding	Update on budgets and funding (+ decision)	Update on budgets and funding (+ decision) Global Report 2021 (including the global strategic priorities)	Update on budgets and funding (+ decision) Programme budget of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2023 Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme budget for 2023
International protection	Oral update on the High Commissioner's dialogue on Protection Challenges	Note on international protection Oral update on ExCom conclusion	Oral update on ExCom conclusion Oral update on the preparations for the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges
Regional activities and global programmes	Global programmes, inclusion and resilience Regional updates: (Americas, Asia and the Pacific, East and Horn of Africa, Europe, Middle East and North Africa, Southern Africa, and West and Central Africa)	Emergency response, safety and security Solutions UNHCR engagement with internally displaced persons	
Programme / protection policy		UNHCR coordination efforts to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees	

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Management, financial control, administrative oversight and human resources	<p>Programme of UNHCR in the United Nations proposed framework for 2023</p> <p>UNHCR financial regulations and rules</p> <p>Oral update on the work of the Inspector General's Office</p>	<p>Revision of the terms of reference of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee (+ decision)</p>	<p>Financial statements for the year 2021 as contained in the Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly</p> <p>Key issues and measures taken in response to the Report of the Board of Auditors for 2021</p> <p>Follow-up to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for previous years</p> <p>Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on internal audit in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</p> <p>Report of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee</p> <p>UNHCR financial regulations and rules (+ decision)</p> <p>Human resources, including staff welfare</p> <p>Oral update on integrity in UNHCR</p>
Coordination	<p>Strategic partnerships and coordination (including United Nations reform)</p>		
Governance	<p>Adoption of the Standing Committee work programme for 2022</p>		

**SEVENTY-THIRD PLENARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME:
10-14 October 2022**

Annex II

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List of documents considered by the eighty-third meeting of the Standing Committee*Conference room papers:*

- Provisional annotated agenda
- Standing Committee work programme for 2022
- Global programmes, inclusion and resilience
- Programme of UNHCR in the United Nations proposed framework for 2023
- UNHCR financial regulations and rules
- UNHCR's response to the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and UNHCR Strategic partnerships and coordination (including United Nations reform)
- Update on budgets and funding (2021-2022)

Strategic overviews on:

- Americas
- Asia and the Pacific
- East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes
- Europe
- Middle East and North Africa
- Southern Africa
- West and Central Africa

Elements of oral updates on:

- Work of the Inspector General's office
 - High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges
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