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I. Introduction

1. At its sixty-eighth session in October 2017, the Executive Committee adopted a decision which set out the issues to be examined by the Standing Committee in its programme of work for 2018.¹ This report provides a summary of the implementation of this programme.
2. The Standing Committee held three meetings in 2018: in March, June and September. A planning meeting of Executive Committee members in December 2017 established the calendar of meetings and determined the distribution of the agenda items in 2018. This is provided in the work programme contained in annex I.
3. A detailed account of the work undertaken at each meeting of the Standing Committee in 2018 is contained in the following documents: the report of the seventy-first meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1177); the report of the seventy-second meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1184); and the report of the seventy-third meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1185). A list of conference room papers, strategic overviews and other documents considered at these meetings is contained in annex II.

II. Issues considered by the Standing Committee in 2018

A. Programme budgets and funding

4. At each of its meetings, the Standing Committee considered updates on budgets and funding, through which it was kept informed of programme requirements, budgetary measures and funding levels. The Committee also adopted decisions on budgets and funding, as listed in chapter III below. In June, the Standing Committee was briefed on UNHCR's Global Report on activities in 2017. At its September meeting, the Committee reviewed the biennial programme budget for 2018-2019 (revised), as well as an advance version of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), in relation to the biennial budget. It also discussed a report on private sector fundraising.

B. International protection

5. In March, the Standing Committee received an oral update on the High Commissioner's Dialogues on Protection Challenges. It also discussed the process relating to the Executive Committee conclusions on international protection, where it was agreed not to embark on a negotiations process for a conclusion in 2018. In June, the Standing Committee discussed the note on international protection; and update on UNHCR's engagement with internally displaced persons (IDPs); a paper on solutions: ending displacement; and an oral update on UNHCR's campaign to end statelessness.

C. Regional activities and global programmes

6. UNHCR's operations in all five regions (Africa; the Americas; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; and the Middle East and North Africa) were comprehensively discussed at the Standing Committee meeting in March. The Committee also received an update on global programmes. In June, the Committee was presented with an update on age, gender and diversity (reflected as community services in the work programme).

D. Programme/protection policy

7. The June Standing Committee reviewed a report on UNHCR's global strategic priorities. It also discussed UNHCR's coordination efforts to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees.

¹ A/AC.96/1176, para. 15.

E. Management, financial control, administrative oversight and human resources

8. In March, the Standing Committee received an update on the work of the Inspector General's Office.

9. In September, the Committee received a report from the Board of Auditors on UNHCR's financial statements for the year 2017 and discussed the key issues identified in the report and measures taken by UNHCR in response. The United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services presented its annual report on internal audit activities undertaken at UNHCR for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, and the Committee received the annual report of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee. Reports were also provided on risk management in UNHCR; human resources, including staff welfare; and staff safety and security.

F. Coordination

10. At each of its meetings, the Standing Committee was briefed on developments concerning the follow-up to the New York Declaration and the comprehensive refugee response framework. In March, it considered a report on strategic partnerships, including coordination; and in June, it received an update on the "grand bargain".

G. Governance

11. The Standing Committee adopted the work programme for 2018 in March, as proposed at its December 2017 planning meeting. In June, the Committee was invited to make suggestions on issues to be included in the High Commissioner's opening statement to the sixty-ninth plenary session of the Executive Committee.

III. Standing Committee decisions

12. In accordance with the authority vested in it by the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee adopted the following decisions, which are annexed to the reports of the Standing Committee meetings:

- (a) Report of the seventy-first meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1177)
Decision on budgets and funding for 2017 and 2018;
- (b) Report of the seventy-second meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1184)
Decision on budgets and funding for 2017 and 2018;
- (c) Report of the seventy-third meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1185)
Decision on budgets and funding for 2018.

**Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme:
Standing Committee work programme for 2018**

<i>Theme</i>	<i>71st meeting 6-8 March 2018</i>	<i>72nd meeting 19-21 June 2018</i>	<i>73rd meeting 19-20 September 2018</i>
Programme budgets and funding	Update on budgets and funding	Update on budgets and funding Global Report 2017	Update on budgets and funding Biennial programme budget 2018-2019 (revised) Report of the ACABQ on the biennial programme budget for 2018-2019 (revised) Private sector fundraising
International protection	Oral update on the High Commissioner's Dialogues on Protection Challenges Oral update on ExCom conclusion(s)	Note on international protection Update on UNHCR's engagement with internally displaced persons Solutions: ending displacement Oral update on the campaign to end statelessness	
Regional activities and global programmes	Regional updates (Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa) Global programmes	Update on community services (gender equality)	
Programme / protection policy		Report on UNHCR's global strategic priorities Oral update on UNHCR's 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	Oral update on the work of the Inspector General's Office		<p>Financial statements for the year 2017 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 2017</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>Risk management in UNHCR</p> <p>Human resources, including staff welfare</p> <p>Staff safety and security</p>
Coordination	<p>Strategic partnerships, including coordination</p> <p>Oral update on the comprehensive refugee response framework</p>	Update on the comprehensive refugee response framework	<p>Oral update on the comprehensive refugee response framework</p> <p>Oral update on the grand bargain</p>
Governance	Adoption of the Standing Committee work programme for 2018	Suggestions for the High Commissioner's opening speech at the 69 th session of the Executive Committee	

**69th PLENARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME:
1-5 October 2018**

Annex II

[English and French only]

Standing Committee documentation issued in 2018**Seventy first meeting (6-8 March 2018)***Conference room papers*

EC/69/SC/CRP.1/Rev.1	Provisional annotated agenda
EC/69/SC/CRP.2	Standing Committee Work Programme for 2018
EC/69/SC/CRP.3	Global programmes
EC/69/SC/CRP.4/Rev.1	Strategic partnerships, including coordination
EC/69/SC/CRP.5	Update on budgets and funding for 2017 and 2018
EC/69/SC/CRP.6	Report of the seventy first meeting of the Standing Committee

Strategic overviews on:

Africa

Asia and the Pacific

Europe

The Americas

The Middle East and North Africa

Oral updates on:

Work of the Inspector General's Office

Comprehensive refugee response framework

High Commissioner's Dialogues on Protection Challenges

Seventy second meeting (19-21 June 2018)*Conference room papers:*

EC/69/SC/CRP.7	Provisional annotated agenda
EC/69/SC/CRP.8	Note on international protection
EC/69/SC/CRP.9	Update on UNHCR's engagement with internally displaced persons
EC/69/SC/CRP.10	Solutions: ending displacement and statelessness
EC/69/SC/CRP.11	Update on age, gender and diversity
EC/69/SC/CRP.12	Report on UNHCR's global strategic priorities
EC/69/SC/CRP.13	Update on the application of the comprehensive refugee response framework
EC/69/SC/CRP.14	Update on budgets and funding for 2018 and reporting on 2017
EC/69/SC/CRP.15	Report of the seventy-second meeting of the Standing Committee

Oral updates on:

Campaign to end statelessness

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

Seventy third meeting (19-20 September 2018)

Conference room papers:

EC/69/SC/CRP.16	Provisional annotated agenda
EC/69/SC/CRP.17	Report of the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee, 2017-2018
EC/69/SC/CRP.18	Risk management in UNHCR
EC/69/SC/CRP.19	Human resources, including staff welfare
EC/69/SC/CRP.20	Staff safety and security
EC/69/SC/CRP.21	Update on budgets and funding for 2018
EC/69/SC/CRP.22	Private sector fundraising and partnership
EC/69/SC/CRP.23/Rev.1	Report of the seventy-third meeting of the Standing Committee

Oral updates on:

- Comprehensive refugee response framework
 - “Grand bargain”
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