
Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

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Standing Committee Ninetieth meeting

Report of the ninetieth meeting of the Standing Committee (1-2 July 2024)

I. Introduction

1. The Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (Executive Committee) held its ninetieth meeting at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG) on 1-2 July 2024.
2. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations Office at Geneva, opened the ninetieth meeting of the Standing Committee, welcoming Guatemala and Ukraine as new members of the Executive Committee, as well as Burundi and Mauritania as observers for the period October 2023 to October 2024. The Second Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations Office at Geneva, assisted in the chairing of the meeting.
3. All documents cited in this report and all available presentations made by senior managers of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) during the meeting can be found on the Standing Committee webpage.

II. Representation

4. The following Executive Committee members were represented at the meeting:
Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Republic of), Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
5. Other United Nations Member States present as Standing Committee observers were as follows:
Burundi, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Malaysia, Mauritania, the Niger and Panama.

6. The European Union was represented as an observer. Also present were the following intergovernmental organizations and other entities:

International Committee of the Red Cross, International Development Law Organization, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Sovereign Order of Malta.

7. Present from the United Nations system, specialized agencies and related organizations was the World Food Programme.

8. Seven non-governmental organizations were in attendance.

III. Adoption of the agenda

9. The Committee adopted by consensus the following agenda for the meeting:

- (a) Adoption of the agenda.
- (b) Programme budgets and funding:
 - (i) Update on budgets and funding;
 - (ii) Global Report 2023;
 - (iii) Private sector fundraising.
- (c) International protection:
 - (i) Note on international protection;
 - (ii) Update on statelessness;
 - (iii) Oral update on the Executive Committee conclusion.
- (d) Regional activities and global programmes:
 - (i) UNHCR engagement with internally displaced persons;
 - (ii) Oral update on mental health and psychosocial support.
- (e) Programme/protection policy: An update on UNHCR coordination efforts to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees.
- (f) Governance
- (g) Any other business.

IV. Work of the ninetieth meeting

10. The Deputy High Commissioner gave overarching remarks at the start of the meeting. The Assistant High Commissioner (Protection) later introduced the agenda item on international protection, providing an overview of the challenges and opportunities facing UNHCR in situations of forced displacement.

11. 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. The documents considered during the meeting are listed in the annex and are also available on the Standing Committee webpage.

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

A. Decision on budgets and funding for 2023 and 2024

12. At its meeting, on 1 July 2024, the Standing Committee,

Recalling the Executive Committee's decisions at its seventy-fourth plenary session on administrative, financial and programme matters ([A/78/12/add.1](#), para 12 (c)) as well as its discussions under the programme budgets and funding item at the eighty-ninth meeting of the Standing Committee in March 2024,

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

Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-third session, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the UNHCR 2023 annual programme budget, amounting to \$10,211.3 million,

(a) Notes that the final 2023 supplementary budgets amounted to \$817.5 million for programmes benefiting the UNHCR programmes and projects;

(b) Takes note of the increase in the UNHCR annual budget for 2023 to a final total of \$10,928.7 million, representing the sum of the original budget of \$10,211.3 million, the final supplementary budgets of \$817.5 million and a budget reduction of \$100.0 million;

(c) Takes note of the financial and budgetary performance in 2023;

(d) Recalls that the Executive Committee, at its seventy-fourth plenary session in October 2023, approved original programmes and budgets for regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters under the UNHCR 2024 annual programme budget, amounting to \$10,621.7 million ([A/AC.96/74/5](#));

(e) Takes note of the increase in the UNHCR annual budget for 2024 to a current total of \$10,765.4 million as of 30 April 2024, representing the sum of the original budget of \$10,621.7 million and a supplementary budget of \$143.7 million;

(f) Recognizes that emergencies and unforeseen activities unfolding in 2024 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;

(g) Urges Member States to continue to respond generously with flexible and unearmarked contributions, 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 2024.

Annex

List of documents considered by the ninetieth meeting of the Standing Committee

Conference room papers:

- Provisional annotated agenda
- Update on budgets and funding
- Private sector fundraising
- Note on international protection
- Update on statelessness
- UNHCR engagement with internally displaced persons
- UNHCR coordination efforts to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees

Elements of oral updates on:

- Mental health and psychosocial support
- The Executive Committee conclusion

Other documentation:

- Global Report 2023
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