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**Highlights of the Oral update on UNHCR's statement
to the 2013 Substantive Session of the Economic and Social Council**

UNHCR will deliver an oral update on the coordination aspects of its activities and partnerships over the past year to the General Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Substantive Session in Geneva in July 2013. The following is an outline of key areas to be covered in the statement:

1. **Responding to emergencies:** emphasizing leadership in the coordination and management of the refugee component of the emergency response to simultaneous humanitarian crises in an inter-agency environment; building a stronger interface between refugee coordination and coordination of the broader humanitarian response; strengthening and maximizing operational synergies with partners; working closely with all partners to implement the Transformative Agenda Protocols; encouraging international solidarity and burden sharing; and ensuring effective management in emergencies despite resource constraints.
2. **Transition efforts, protracted situations and durable solutions:** highlighting the importance of partnerships with the development community; promoting inclusion of displaced persons in development initiatives with the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Development Group and the private sector; furthering the Transitional Solutions Initiative to promote livelihoods and the self-sufficiency of refugees, returnees and host communities; supporting governments to prioritize the needs of the displaced in their development agendas; and strengthening UNHCR's involvement in the Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery.
3. **UNHCR's implementation of the Transformative Agenda:** describing the operationalization of elements of the Transformative Agenda and highlighting next steps to full implementation; discussing what has been achieved in terms of the rapid deployment of senior staff and coordinators to lead inter-agency emergency response operations; and highlighting the challenges associated with the multiple roles UNHCR assumes in complex emergencies.
4. **Partnership coordination with non-governmental organizations (NGOs):** detailing the outcome of UNHCR's Structured Dialogue with NGOs; highlighting the essential partnerships with national and local NGOs, community-based groups and implementing partners; and promoting an effective and flexible humanitarian response which recognizes the roles and responsibilities of all actors.