

## **TALKING POINTS**

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**AGENDA ITEM 6(b) – ORAL UPDATE ON EXCOM CONCLUSIONS PROCESS**

- Underline the substantial support that UNHCR intends to continue providing to the EXCOM Conclusions process, working closely with the Rapporteur and all concerned states.
- Recall that EXCOM last autumn agreed on two themes for Conclusions in 2016: (1) International cooperation from a protection and solutions perspective; and (2) Youth.
- Note that a first meeting with states was held in the Palais des Nations on 9 March. Discussion took place, on the basis of a Non-Paper prepared by the Rapporteur, to which UNHCR provided some inputs.
- Note that the 9 March meeting served to provide insights into some of states' initial thoughts on the potential scope and coverage of the two themes. Thank all those who took part and contributed to the discussion for their inputs.
- As agreed at that meeting, UNHCR will now proceed to organise a number of briefings for interested states on subjects connected to the two themes. Those briefings are expected to be held in April and May (with precise dates to be proposed shortly).
- UNHCR stands ready to undertake further work, including research, information provision and other forms of support, as useful for states and the Rapporteur.