

# ExCom Members

UNHCR's governing body – the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom) – was created in 1958, pursuant to a request by the General Assembly. Its main tasks are to approve the High Commissioner's assistance programmes, advise the High Commissioner in the exercise of his/her functions (mainly on protection issues), and oversee the Office's finances and administration.

ExCom holds an annual session in Geneva every October. The fifty-seventh session was held from 2 to 6 October 2006. Meetings of the Executive Committee's Standing Committee are held at various dates throughout the year.

Membership is on the widest possible geographical basis from those States (members of the United Nations and others) with a demonstrated interest in, and devotion to, the solution of refugee problems. In 2006, the 70 members were:

Algeria	Holy See	Poland
Argentina	Hungary	Portugal
Australia	India	Republic of Korea
Austria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Romania
Bangladesh	Ireland	Russian Federation
Belgium	Israel	Serbia
Brazil	Italy	Somalia
Canada	Japan	South Africa
Chile	Jordan	Spain
China	Kenya	Sudan
Colombia	Lebanon	Sweden
Côte d'Ivoire	Lesotho	Switzerland
Cyprus	Madagascar	Thailand
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mexico	Tunisia
Denmark	Morocco	Turkey
Ecuador	Mozambique	Uganda
Egypt	Namibia	United Kingdom
Ethiopia	Netherlands	United Republic of Tanzania
Finland	New Zealand	United States of America
France	Nicaragua	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Germany	Nigeria	Yemen
Ghana	Norway	Zambia
Greece	Pakistan	
Guinea	Philippines	