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6. International protection

(b) Oral update on ExCom Conclusions

- As you may recall, in 2015 the Committee adopted an indicative multi-year work plan for ExCom conclusions to be considered in 2016 and 2017. Since then, we have negotiated and adopted conclusions on:
 - International cooperation from a protection and solutions perspective; and
 - Youthin 2016, and:
 - Machine readable travel documents for refugees and stateless persons;in 2017.

- Since I took up my functions as Rapporteur, I have engaged in informal bilateral consultations with member States on this year's ExCom conclusion process. I invited all ExCom members to an informal preparatory consultation to discuss this matter on 19 February. States agreed not to embark on a negotiations process for an ExCom conclusion this year as we still have five rounds of formal consultations on the global compact on refugees ahead of us, during which a wide range of topics will be discussed. This will leave limited time and scope for intensive, in-depth negotiations of the kind that ExCom conclusions have traditionally demanded.

- Member States also underlined the importance of continuing the conclusions process next year, during the 70th session of the Executive Committee, and will be looking to the next rapporteur to initiate discussions on a topic.

- Thank you, Madam Chair.