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Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its decision 59/420 of 27 May 2005, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (see A/59/241) elected Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years, beginning on 15 June 2005 and ending on 14 June 2010.
2. The Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that the term of office of Mr. Guterres be extended for a period of five years, beginning on 15 June 2010 and ending on 14 June 2015.
3. In accordance with the above-mentioned provision of the General Assembly, Members may wish to recall that by paragraph 9 of its resolution 58/153 of 22 December 2003, the Assembly decided to remove the temporal limitation on the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner contained in its resolution 57/186 and to continue the Office until the refugee problem is solved.

