

Draft provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat

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II. Annotations

Item 1 Opening of the session, adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Chairperson of the Executive Committee will open the seventieth session on Monday, 7 October 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Assemble Hall at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The Executive Committee will consider the provisional agenda contained in document A/AC.96/LXX/1 as the basis for adoption of the agenda of the session.

Item 2 Statement by the High Commissioner

The High Commissioner's statement will provide an overview of the operational and policy priorities of his Office.

Item 3 High-level segment on statelessness and general debate

The High-level segment to mark the midpoint of the #IBelong campaign to end statelessness by 2024 includes a panel discussion with the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Lamberto Zannier, UNHCR's Goodwill Ambassador Cate Blanchett and Ms. Maha Mamo, a stateless refugee who was given nationality by Brazil.

The general debate is articulated around issues related to statelessness and those raised in the statement of the High Commissioner. Delegations are encouraged to refer to what they are doing to end statelessness by 2024 in their statement, including new commitment and pledges. The Committee will have received an outline of the High Commissioner's statement in advance of the session. The Committee will also have before it brief updates on developments at the regional and global levels. The list of speakers for the general debate will be opened on 9 September 2019.

Item 4 Consideration of reports on the work of the Standing Committee

Under this item, the Committee will review the results of the work of the Standing Committee on international protection and on programme budgets, management, financial control and administrative oversight.

(a) International protection

Of particular relevance to the deliberations of the Committee under this sub-item are:

- (i) *Note on international protection (A/AC.96/1189);*
- (ii) *Report on the work of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1197);*
- (iii) *Report of the seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1188); and*
- (iv) *Report of the seventy-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1195).*

(b) Programme budgets, management, financial control and administrative oversight

The Committee will have before it the following reports of relevance to these matters:

- (i) *Report on the work of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1197);*
- (ii) *Report of the seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1188);*
- (iii) *Report of the seventy-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1195);*
- (iv) *Report of the seventy-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee (A/AC.96/1196)*
- (v) *Financial statements for the year 2018 as contained in the Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the financial report and audited financial statements of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2018 (A/AC.96/1190);*
- (vi) *Key issues and measures taken in response to the Report of the Board of Auditors for 2018 (A/AC.96/1190/Add.1); and*
- (vii) *Internal audit in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/AC.96/1192).*

Item 5 Consideration of reports relating to programme and administrative oversight and evaluation

This item will include review of the following reports:

- (i) *Report on activities of the Inspector General's Office (A/AC.96/1193)*; and
- (ii) *Report on evaluation (A/AC.96/1194)*.

Item 6 Consideration and adoption of the biennial programme budget 2020-2021

Under this item, the Committee will review the *Biennial programme budget 2020-2021 of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/AC.96/1191)* and the *Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/AC.96/1191/Add.1)*.

In light of its discussions under agenda items 5 (b) and 7, the Executive Committee will consider for adoption a draft general decision on administrative and financial matters.

Item 7 Review of the annual consultations with non-governmental organizations

The Rapporteur of the annual consultations with non-governmental organizations will brief the Committee.

Item 8 Other statements

The Chairperson of UNHCR's Staff Council will make a statement to the Committee.

Item 9 Meetings of the Standing Committee in 2020

The Executive Committee will consider decisions on:

- (i) the programme of work of the Standing Committee in 2020; and
- (ii) observer participation in meetings of the Standing Committee in 2019-2020.

Item 10 Consideration of the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the Executive Committee

The Committee will consider a draft provisional agenda for the seventy-first session of the Executive Committee.

Item 11 Election of officers

The Executive Committee will elect its officers to serve as of 11 October 2019 until the end of the seventy-first plenary session.

Item 12 Any other business

Item 13 Adoption of the report of the seventieth session of the Executive Committee

The draft report of the seventieth session presented to the Committee for adoption will include decisions identified under the preceding agenda items.

Item 14 Closing of the session

The High Commissioner and the Chairperson will make brief closing remarks.

Annex I

Provisional timetable*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item(s)</i>
Monday, 7 October 2019	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1, 2, 3
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	3 (cont.)
Tuesday, 8 October 2019	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 (cont.)
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	3 (cont.)
Wednesday, 9 October 2019	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 (cont.)
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	4 (a)
Thursday, 10 October 2019	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4 (b), 5
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	6, 7, 8, 9
Friday, 11 October 2019	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	10, 11, 12, 13, 14

* The timings are merely an estimate provided for the convenience of the Committee. Actual time spent in debate may vary from the estimate.

Annex II

List of documents

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A/AC.96/1189	Note on international protection	4 (a)
A/AC.96/1190	Financial statements for the year 2018 as contained in the Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the financial report and audited financial statements of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2018	4 (b)
A/AC.96/1190/Add.1	Key issues and measures taken in response to the Report of the Board of Auditors for 2018	4 (b)
A/AC.96/1191	Biennial programme budget for 2020-2021 of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	6
A/AC.96/1191/Add.1	Report by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	6
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* English and French only