

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
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Addendum to the Final Summary Record

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The following document is intended to supplement the Final Summary Record of the IASC's 84th Working Group meeting. In the Final Summary Record are captured the points that reflect the majority view of the meeting, including the Action Points which were briefly presented prior to the meeting's adjournment. This document sets out additions/clarifications/differences expressed by individual organisations in their respective comments submitted to the draft record, which have not been included in the body of the record as they don't align with the majority view. Nonetheless, as agreed in the meeting, a record of such contributions must also be maintained. Therefore this document should be seen as complementing the Final Summary Record, and should be treated as an integral part of the outcomes of the meeting.

WFP expressed caution against overburdening the Emergency Directors' Group, and has outlined its preference for the IASC Working Group and the IASC Secretariat retaining a role in the roll-out of the TA. WFP prefers that the review of the TA protocols be undertaken by the IASC Working Group and relevant subsidiary bodies – not the Emergency Directors. WFP also proposes discussion continue on the most appropriate placement of the dedicated ITA capacity between OCHA and/or the IASC Secretariat; and that the IASC Secretariat to be responsible for putting a proposal forward to the IASC Working Group (rather than this being carried forward by the Emergency Directors). WFP prefers that the establishment of benchmarks and the light tracking/monitoring mechanism be developed by the IASC Secretariat, rather than the Emergency Directors.

UNHCR prefers that the review of the TA protocols be done by the Working Group, rather than by the Emergency Directors. UNHCR underscored that the TA missions should be focused, and light in composition, where 2 or 3 IASC organizations work on behalf of the whole. UNHCR prefers that the dedicated capacity to support the TA lies with the IASC Secretariat, and that the latter be given this role, including to maintain a repository of TA knowledge. In UNHCR's view, this will further 'firm up' the IASC architecture in which both the Emergency Directors and the IASC Working Group report to the IASC Principals. UNHCR prefers that the IASC Secretariat be responsible for establishing benchmarks and a light tracking/monitoring mechanism to measure the impact of the TA's field implementation. UNHCR notes the need for the IASC Principals to endorse the Terms of Reference of the IASC Emergency Directors.

ICVA has raised questions about the involvement of the Emergency Directors in the some of the follow-up required on the TA (including the review of the Protocols, the establishment of dedicated capacity, the development of benchmarks to measure impact, and the recommendation of country-level missions) which it prefers to be within the remit of the IASC Working Group. ICVA has also sought greater clarity around the relationship between the IASC Working Group and the Emergency Directors, while underscoring its full support for the

Emergency Directors' Group. ICVA notes that the Terms of Reference for the Emergency Directors and the IASC Working Group need to be developed alongside each other, to ensure there is a clear distinction and understanding of how the groups are complementary. ICVA also notes that because the two bodies are managed by two different entities, it is important that they coordinate with each other and are transparent in influencing the Principals' agenda.

InterAction prefers the review of the TA protocols to be done by the Working Group on an annual basis.

IOM notes its general agreement with the Summary Record but emphasises that in the near future, the following needs to be addressed: i) clarity and coherence between the TORs for the EDs and the TORs for the WG, ii) clarity and coherence between the IASC Secretariat and the support for the OCHA support to the EDG, and iii) the procedure for selecting items for the IASC Principals' meetings.