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ACTION POINTS	FOCAL POINT	Deadline	Status
Humanitarian Access in the Indonesian Province of Aceh:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the importance of the issues raised in the background paper prepared for the meeting. 	N/A	N/A	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to enhance concerted advocacy efforts on all levels, including at the most senior levels, to strengthen respect for humanitarian principles and access to the Indonesian Province of Aceh (hereafter referred as Aceh). 	OCHA (for HQ level) CT	Dec 2003	Ongoing. See point 3 & 5.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to ask the Emergency Relief Coordinator/USG for Humanitarian Affairs to request the Secretary-General to raise the issue of humanitarian access to Aceh with the President of Indonesia during their meeting in the coming week and possibly during the Security Council discussions on Protection of Civilians in December. 	OCHA	Dec. 2003	During the meeting between the SG and President of Indonesia, the SG raised the issue of access in Aceh. Follow up is to be done by the ERC and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the UN Country Team, in close consultation with its partners, in particular from the NGO community, to develop and implement a proactive strategy for humanitarian negotiations, which includes common standards on humanitarian access and principles, making use of existing codes of conduct and terms of engagement, and which is time-limited and phased with clear milestones. 	UN CT	March 2004	A special task force was established following 54 th WG meeting to develop the proactive strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the agencies to ensure the necessary support from the HQ level to the UN Country Team in the appropriate form, including a possible visit by Dr. Deng, R-SG for IDPs or other senior UN humanitarian staff. 	Agencies at HQ level	Ongoing	Visit of senior official under preparation.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged that in addition to support from senior officials in terms of humanitarian diplomacy, the UN country team may wish to make use of additional expertise to support the formulation and implementation of this strategy. 	OCHA	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed that attention should be given to internally displaced persons, as a particular vulnerable group, but also to all affected civilians. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested OCHA to prepare a policy paper on the relationship with military forces in Indonesia. 	OCHA	March 2003	Pending
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to convene an ad-hoc IASC WG meeting on Indonesia to look at the issues of the protection of civilians and humanitarian access more broadly. UNICEF / ICVA were tasked with taking the lead in developing this idea further. 	IASC Secretariat UNICEF & ICVA	Dec. 2003	The IASC Secretariat is consulting with the HC/CT on idea of having an ad hoc meeting on Indonesia. The ideal timing likely after the visit of the senior official.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called on the HC to approach key members of the Tokyo Group, and ask them to raise the issue of humanitarian access, including Aceh, in their discussions with the authorities. 	HC	Dec. 2003	The HC is in touch with the co-chairs of the Tokyo Group (EU, Japan, US and the World Bank). They remain actively involved in this ongoing process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called on the Designated Official and the SMT to advise UNSECOORD on the approach to be taken regarding security and reminded UNSECOORD on the importance to be advised by the DO and the SMT. 	UN CT	Dec. 2003	Completed.

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<p>Iraq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to establish an ad-hoc IASC group at the headquarters level (New York and Geneva jointly) to further discuss Iraq-related issues, specifically, to pool our collective experience of cross-border and remote control operations, partnership with the local Red Crescent movements, and to link with the inter-agency forward planning group in Amman. • Agreed that, while the situation in Iraq was not defined as a humanitarian crisis, there were still enormous humanitarian needs in Iraq, that could become very acute once our assistance activities slow or cease. Agreed to clarify the extent of the humanitarian need in Iraq. • Agreed that if humanitarians were to continue operating in Iraq, a well-planned and resourced public information campaign would be needed involving both media and direct contacts with local leaders. • Underlined the importance of empowerment of the Iraqi civil society and institutions. • Agreed to the idea of having a separate humanitarian meeting in Geneva, after the Madrid Conference. • Agreed to discuss further whether a humanitarian appeal was needed for 2004. • Agreed that further discussion and pooling of ideas was needed on the future of humanitarian action and humanitarian response in the post-Iraq, post-Afghanistan environment 	<p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNICEF</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As soon as possible</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec 2003</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec 2003</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov 2003</p>	<p>OCHA discussed with a Forward Planning Group the implementation of this action point. A convenient modus operandi on this will be finalised shortly.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing. Action hampered by the temporary departure by UN international staff from Baghdad and most parts of Iraq.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Contrary to action point, the humanitarian meeting took place prior to and in conjunction with the Madrid Conference.</p> <p>Assessment ongoing in light of recent events.</p> <p>The IASC workshop meeting on the future of humanitarian action will be held 11 November 2003 and will be further discussed in the HC retreat and IASC principals meeting in December.</p>

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Liberia			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to pursue an integrated approach to address humanitarian needs of the Liberian population including elements of 4Rs. Requested further clarification on the exact meaning of the integrated approach. 	OCHA/UNHCR	Nov 2003.	All UN agencies and international NGOs have collaborated to design and focus their interventions on an integrated Repatriation, Reintegration, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed on the need for a robust approach to enhance country-wide access through facilitating and controlling cross-border and cross-line operations with support of the CTs in the neighbouring countries. 	CTs in the region	Ongoing	Joint Monitoring Commission agreed that Central Monrovia and Bushrod Island will be weapons-free zone by 9 October.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested the agencies operating on the ground to ensure MOSS compliance, with particular focus on security requirements for staff accommodation. 	IASC agencies	Dec. 2003.	The procurement of MOSS compliant equipment is ongoing. Agencies are ensuring that their own operating procedures are MOSS compliant.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed on the need to address DDR from a regional perspective 	N/A	N/A	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the response to IDPs, currently led by OCHA. Reaffirmed that UNHCR would have a coordinating role in IDP camp management. 	OCHA and UNHCR	March 2003.	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to mobilize support to hold an international donor conference on Liberia, while ensuring that both humanitarian and reconstruction needs are addressed. 	OCHA	Ongoing	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the proposal of the Secretary-General for structuring relations with the humanitarian and development community along the lines of UNAMSIL with the DSRG functioning in the HC role, with emphasis on maintaining humanitarian space. 	OCHA	Ongoing	Abou Moussa (DSRSG/RC) was nominated as HC, and will be appointed as the HC shortly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested OCHA to continue to monitor the development of the Security Council's resolution on Liberia, while ensuring that the Resolution will address the protection issues including gender and sexual and gender based violence 	OCHA	Ongoing	Ongoing

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<p>IDPs Uganda: IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the need for an integrated approach for northern Uganda to address the critical needs of civilian population. The key elements of the integrated approach should be food security and protection. Agreed to propose this approach for follow up action by the Country Team. • Agreed that clear gaps exist in the response to a critical IDP situation in northern Uganda, and urged agencies to consider establishing field offices in Northern Uganda after a thorough analysis of security, political and protection situation. • Requested the IASC agencies, the Country Team and the ERC in his forthcoming visit to promote the Government's soonest implementation of the National IDPs Policy. • Agreed on the need to understand better the 'cause' of the rebel group, the LRA, and to explore modalities for terms of engagement with them. • Advocated for increased donor involvement in advocating with the Government for enhanced security in the North and implementation of the IDP policy, and to raise the attention of the donors to the much greater resources needed to address civilian's needs in the North. 	<p align="center">OCHA/CT</p> <p align="center">OCHA and IASC agencies</p> <p align="center">OCHA</p> <p align="center">N/A</p> <p align="center">OCHA, RSG IDPs and agencies</p>	<p align="center">October 2003.</p> <p align="center">Dec 2003.</p> <p align="center">Dec. 2003.</p> <p align="center">N/A</p> <p align="center">Dec 2003</p>	<p align="center">ERC's scheduled visit (7-10 Nov) will address the these issues.</p> <p align="center">Ongoing</p> <p align="center">Ongoing</p> <p align="center">N/A</p> <p align="center">Ongoing</p>
<p>IDPs The Russian Federation: IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterated the need to deploy strategies to influence the Government on IDP matters • Requested agencies to intensify their focus on the protection of the approximately 800,000 people in need of such in Chechnya, while concurrently addressing the requirements of the 80,000 IDPs in Ingushetia. 	<p align="center">N/A</p> <p align="center">IASC agencies</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p> <p align="center">Ongoing</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p> <p align="center">Ongoing</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested OCHA to ensure that the plight of IDPs in the Russian Federation be addressed during the upcoming discussion between the President of Russian Federation and the UN Secretary-General 	OCHA	Dec 2003	The talking points of the SG for the meeting between the SG and the Russian President addressed the IDP issues.
<u>IDP Unit Update: IASC WG:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the Unit to review and formulate with the Senior IDP Network recommendations emerging from the Protection Survey and the IDP Response Matrix, the first results of which indicate significant problems in relation to the collaborative approach. Agreed to discuss the preliminary results in the November IASC-WG. 	IDP Unit	17 Nov 2003.	The Senior Network meeting on 4 November discussed the outcomes of matrix and survey. The draft report was circulated with the agencies. The recommendations stemming from the survey and matrix will be consolidated in a matrix and will be discussed at November WG meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the Unit to revitalize and refocus the work of Senior IDP Network with emphasis on improving the modalities of inter-agency missions. 	IDP Unit	17 Nov. 2003	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the need for strategic focus on the IDP question, specifically on how to translate into reality the collaborative approach, which is currently being inadequately and selectively implemented. 	IASC Agencies IASC Secretariat	Ongoing	Ongoing

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Dialogue with the ERC			
IASC WG:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the critical importance of human rights, humanitarian principles and protection. Agreed that further work was needed on the way we use the humanitarian principles and how the humanitarian community was perceived and presented itself. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the HC was the number one vehicle for humanitarian coordination in the field and ERC's main instrument. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ERC noted the need to work towards greater involvement of non-traditional donor countries, essentially to ensure a more extensive worldwide sharing of humanitarian values and objectives, including Gulf countries. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the collective responsibility to highlight priority requirements better. 	IASC agencies	Ongoing	Some elements addressed in the draft IASC Workplan, such as common needs assessment, will address the issue of needs assistance gap.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the need to distance humanitarian action from the political processes. 	IASC agencies	Ongoing	IASC will address these issues in 2004, as outlined in the 2004 Workplan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the need to work together on transitional issues, especially with development partners. 	OCHA and UNDP	Ongoing	IASC will address these issues in 2004, as outlined in the 2004 Workplan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that OCHA needed to do more on advocacy, including on 'forgotten crises', and should pursue common objectives. 	OCHA	Ongoing	IASC will address these issues in 2004, as outlined in the 2004 Workplan.
2004 IASC Workplan			
IASC WG:			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to group priority issues according to the following themes: (A) Performance of the humanitarian community: e.g., common needs assessment, indicator for M&E, accountability, field IASC concept, and peer review, (B) Elements of humanitarian action: e.g., protecting livelihoods, vulnerability reduction, role of human rights at the centre of human action, freedom from abuse, (C) Improving humanitarian access: e.g., security and safety of humanitarian personnel; options of working with military to improve access; the role of private humanitarian groups, (D) Broadening the stakeholders in humanitarian action: e.g., advocacy, engaging with member states, financing, expanding the breadth of the IASC partners (E) Institutional arrangements at the global level, e.g. the IASC Review, focusing on inter-agency relations in the post-Iraq environment 	N/A	November 2003	<p>These broad themes are reflected in the draft elements of the IASC Workplan 2004. The draft elements were discussed with the IASC agencies on 13 and 21 October 2003, and with the chairpersons of all IASC Subsidiary Bodies on 14 October. .</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the IASC Secretariat would write a note reflecting the above and indicating under each issue with elements/aspects specifically of the topic would be addressed. Then the Secretariat would organise an informal discussion in early October in Geneva to discuss the agenda items further, and to agree on prioritisation of issues. 	IASC Secretariat	November 2003	Completed.

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<p>HC Retreat</p> <p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that IASC members should participate in the HC retreat. • Agreed to encourage principals' level participation from the agencies and agreed to link the agenda of the HC retreat to the extent possible with the agenda of the IASC Principals meeting. • Agreed on the importance of the following agenda items to be included on the agenda: (a) Report by the HCs on the implementation of the IASC field concept, (b) Security, (c) Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, (d) Implementation of protection of civilians, (e) Joint/integrated needs assessment, and (f) HC ToR. • Requested the Chair of the IASC-WG to consult the HCs on the agenda items during the UNDP Resident Representative's meeting early October. • OCHA was requested to further consult with HCs in order to assess their exact training needs and sharpen the content of the training, as many of HCs have already undergone some form of media training 	<p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair of IASC WG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2003</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec. 2003.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2003</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Completed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2003</p>	<p>The IASC members were invited to attend the HC Retreat.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed. The suggested agenda items for the HC Retreat include discussions on <i>The Future of Humanitarian Action in a Changing Environment</i>, <i>Humanitarian Financing and Donor Coordination</i>, <i>The Role of the HC</i> and a media-training workshop.</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>The 2003 HC Retreat plans to conduct a media training workshop.</p>
<p>IASC Principals Meeting</p> <p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed the date of the meeting for 11 December in Geneva. The meeting will take place from 1000-1300 hrs followed by Principals' only Lunch from 1315-1500 hrs. • Requested all agencies to make all possible efforts to ensure the participation of their respective heads of agency. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC agencies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2003</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the inclusion of the following topics for the next IASC Plenary: (a) Access and security, (b) The role of the HC, with a focus on collaborative approach for protection and assistance of IDPs and (c) The future of humanitarian action (for lunch discussion) to which 'distinguished' non-IASC personalities might be invited 	OCHA	15 October 2003.	Ongoing. The finalisation of preparations will be discussed at the upcoming WG Meeting.
<p>CAP</p> <p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to organize the Directors' Review in January 2004 focusing on Tajikistan and Liberia CAPs. Urged IASC agencies to review at headquarters level the early versions of the 2004 Consolidated Appeals by 1 October 2004. Endorsed inclusion of the voices of aid workers as part of the CAP Launch Theme "Hear Our Voice" and a suitable memorial to fallen humanitarian workers. Requested the CAP Unit to further clarify the relationship among the West Africa sub-regional appeals, Cote d'Ivoire plus three and the country-specific appeal on Liberia 	<p>CAP Unit</p> <p>IASC agencies</p> <p>CAP Unit</p> <p>CAP Unit</p>	<p>Jan 2004.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>1 October</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed. A regional appeal has been formulated. The regional strategic framework ensures a clear prioritisation of actions in the country CAPs.</p>
<p>Education in Emergencies and the INEE Minimum Standards Process</p> <p>IASC-WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested the IASC members to inform the education and child/adolescent focal points within their organisation on the INEE and on the minimum standards development process. Requested CAP SWG to strengthen language on education 	<p>IASC agencies</p> <p>CAP SWG</p>	<p>Dec 2003.</p> <p>March 2004.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>in the CAP Technical Guidelines and CAP Tools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that the integrated needs assessments need to reflect the importance of education in humanitarian response. Agreed to ask the HCs to reflect on what they need and what they see as important for addressing education needs from the onset of an emergency 	<p>CAP SWG</p> <p>OCHA</p>	<p>June 2004.</p> <p>Dec. 2003</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>AOB: Field Information Management</p> <p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to establish a short term Task Force on Field Information Management with possible intention to develop into a longer term IASC Taskforce on Field Information Management. Requested OCHA and WHO to develop the terms of reference for the Task Force. 	<p>WHO and OCHA</p> <p>WHO and OCHA</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>The report and a proposal of the Task Force on Field Information Management will be discussed in the 55th WG meeting.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>AOB: Explosive Remnants of War (ERW)</p> <p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested UNICEF to take lead in consulting with agencies to draft an IASC statement on ERW to be used at the November meeting of the Convention on Conventional Weapons. UNICEF to consult other interested agencies and draft TOR for an advocacy group, if considered necessary 	<p>UNICEF</p> <p>UNICEF</p>	<p>Nov 2003.</p> <p>Nov 2003</p>	<p>ERW will be further discussed at upcoming WG Meeting.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>AOB: Workshop of Rights Based Approach to Humanitarian Action</p> <p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to table the issue of Rights Based Approach to Humanitarian Action for discussion by the IASC-WG in 2004 • Requested the OHCHR to discuss the follow-up to the Action 2 in the Task Force on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action 	<p style="text-align: center;">UNICEF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OHCHR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 2004</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec 2003</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing. The IASC Workplan 2004 outlines this issue.</p>