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OF THE 57TH AND 56TH IASC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

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The findings of the External Review of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, conducted in December 2003, emphasized the importance of strengthening the monitoring of the follow-up and implementation of decisions taken by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee. In response, this paper aims to provide information of the status of follow-up to the decisions and action points of the 57th (held 16 –17 June 2004 in Geneva) and 56th (held on 11 – 12 February 2004 in Rome) Working Group meetings as well as the ad hoc meeting of the IASC Working Group on Indonesia (held on 18 June 2004 in Geneva). IASC Working Group is requested to review the status outlined with an aim to collectively identify gaps and opportunities in implementing agreed upon decisions.

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CAP				
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Endorsed the Guidance for CAP Project Selection and Prioritization with an understanding that it would be piloted in countries preparing a CAP for 2005.	57	The Guidance for CAP Project selection and Prioritization is being used	Field Offices	CAP section working with the field.
Reaffirmed commitment to support ongoing pilot testing of the Draft Needs Assessment Matrix and Framework in DRC and in Burundi.	57	Pilot testing of the Draft Needs Assessment Matrix and Framework in DRC and in Burundi supported.	IASC agencies	Work is ongoing in both the DRC and Burundi.
Welcomed the progress achieved so far related to needs assessment, noting that needs assessments are at the heart of coordination and response and reaffirmed that the CAPs/CHAPs should reflect commonly agreed upon priorities based on the needs assessments.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agreed that the SPHERE standards could be better referenced to in the needs assessments matrix and requested the CAP section to continue to work with the ICVA, SCHR and SPHERE Project to this effect.	56	Continuous dialogue between CAP and ICVA, SCHR as well as SPHERE Project to better reference the SPHERE standards in the needs assessment matrix.	OCHA and CAP section	Completed.
Welcomed WHO's efforts in elaborating its experience from joint needs assessment in a transition context, and noted the complexity involving multiple stakeholders and issues.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Called on agencies to provide required support for the Good Humanitarian Donorship pilots in Burundi and in DRC and requested the HC and OCHA to assume the leading role in facilitating the testing of the needs assessment methodology and in providing support at the field level with the Good Humanitarian Donorship pilots.	56	Provision of agency support requires leading role in facilitating the testing of the needs assessment methodology.	OCHA and IASC Agencies	Field tests of Needs Assessment Framework and Matrix (NAFM) ongoing in Burundi and DRC. GHD meeting held in DRC on 27 July 2004.
Agreed to invite donors to the 57 th IASC-WG to brief on their initiatives on piloting Good Humanitarian Donorship in Burundi and in DRC and to explore the possibility of another briefing after the Montreux meeting and before June WG meeting.	56	Donors invited to the 57 th WG and briefing on their initiatives on piloting GHD in Burundi and DRC conducted.	IASC	Completed. During the 57 th WG, the agenda item of "Update and discussion on the ongoing GHD process and the implementation of pilot projects in DRC and in Burundi" was introduced by Leslie Norton (Canadian Mission), Nancy Kyloh (US Mission), and John Webster (UK Mission).
Welcomed the initial outline for the 2005 CAP Launch as a good starting point, and requested the CAP SWG to finalize	56	2005 Launch Plan finalized and discussed	CAP SWG	Completed and endorsed by IASC Principals.

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2005 Launch Plan for discussion at the IASC Principals meeting on 1 April.		at the IASC Principals meetings.		
Endorsed the CAP SWG 2004 workplan.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A

Civil Military Interface

Action Point	Mtg	Progress /Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Endorsed the IASC paper on Civil-Military Relationship in Complex Emergencies as a "reference paper" with an understanding that the text would be slightly fine-tuned to accommodate the comments provided by the IASC Working Group, specifically by: (a) including increased referencing of the MCDA Guidelines, (b) citing sources of humanitarian principles, and (c) underlining the importance of developing country-specific guidance of the issue.	57	Distribution and use of the IASC paper on Civil-Military Relationship in Complex Emergencies as a 'Reference paper'.	OCHA/PDSB	<p>Comments (a) through (c) have been incorporated into the final draft of 22 June 2004, which was circulated to all IASC-Members. Given that there were no objections, the final text of the 'IASC Reference paper' was issued on 28 June 2004.</p> <p>Since its endorsement, the IASC Reference Paper has been widely distributed to humanitarian partners, and presentations have been made to selected military personnel and institutions. The text was also made available on several internet sites (Relief Web, IASC Web site, OCHA online).</p> <p>In the field, the Reference Paper has been used in developing latest UN guidance for Iraq and the Sudan.</p> <p>In addition, CARITAS International, an alliance of Christian NGOs, has formulated their guidelines based on this paper.</p>
Requested that the document be updated regularly to reflect evolving humanitarian environment. Any suggested updates would be brought to the IASC-WG for discussion.	57	Continuous follow-up on the humanitarian environment, which will be reflected by regular updates.	OCHA	So far no suggestion for revision or update has been brought to the attention of OCHA/PDSB between June and September 2004.
Agreed that the "custodian" of the document would be the IASC-WG, while the responsibility for proposing and consulting on possible updates and reporting back to the IASC-WG would remain with OCHA.	57	Continuous follow-up by OCHA and regular updating of IASC WG.	OCHA	So far no suggestion for revision or update has been brought to the attention of OCHA between June and September 2004.

Common Services

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Acknowledged the value and importance of humanitarian common services and welcomed the outcome of the IASC Workshop on Common Services.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Requested that a Plan of Action based on the recommendations stemming from the workshop be developed and presented at 59 th IASC WG meeting in November 2004.	57	Development of the Plan of Action and its presentation at the 59 th WG in November.	Chairperson of Common Services Workshop OCHA/WFP	To be developed at a Workshop for HCS providers in Copenhagen on 23 September.
Endorsed the revised definition of humanitarian Common Services, which reads as "A Humanitarian Common Service is a support function, provided by one agency/organization, to facilitate the work of the humanitarian community in emergency response, and operating at the request of the HC/Country Team under the auspices of the IASC".	57	Wide use of the definition.	N/A	Additional comments on the definition have been received since the 57 th IASC WG.
Agreed to include a number of modifications to the workshop report before its finalization. The modifications relate to: (a) definition of Common Services (see above), (b) the reference to Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator, (c) more consistent use of terminology and (d) non-operationability of JLC. Agencies were requested to provide their further comments to the co-chairs of the workshop. The final report will be disseminated by the IASC Secretariat.	57	Dissemination of the report.	IASC Secretariat	The report is expected to be circulated prior the 59 th WG Meeting.
Welcomed the presentations on UNHAS, UNJLC, HIC, ICT and CMCoord and reaffirmed its commitment to common services.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Welcomed the proposal for follow-up discussion at the technical level in early May to focus on the following issues within each common service (a) Relationship with other common services, (b) Activation and exit strategy, including handover, (c) Reporting lines and the role of the Humanitarian Coordinator in relation to the common services, (d) Leadership and management, (e) Added value of the services, (f) Financing/cost-recovery/cost-efficiency of the common services, (g) NGO participation in the common services, (h) Staffing/secondment arrangements, (i) Evaluation of the use of common services, (j) Institutionalization, and (k) Formalization of operational frameworks.	56	Follow-up discussion.	OCHA/WFP	Completed. Two-day workshop (3-4 May in Geneva) development of set of draft recommendations that the IASC 57 th meeting should adopt. Also, based on the remaining recommendations, a Plan of Action is to be developed, with clearly defined time-frames and areas of responsibility, and presented to the 59 th IASC WG meeting for adoption and decision on the modalities of its implementation.

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Noted that other possible issues that could be added to the list above if considered necessary following discussion at the technical level.	56		OCHA, IASC WG Members	Completed. The agenda was based on issues, which emerged during the initial IASC discussion on Common Services and later during consultations with agencies.
Requested that a set of recommendations be presented for discussion and decision at the June IASC-WG meeting.	56	A set of recommendations presented at the 57 th WG meeting.	OCHA/WFP	Completed.

ECOSOC 2004 preparations

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Welcomed the progress made so far in preparing for the Humanitarian Segment of the ECOSOC 2004.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Requested OCHA to continue the process of inclusive consultations for preparing for the Segment, and to ensure that the draft resolution would be shared with the IASC WG members once available.	57	Inclusive consultations for preparation and the report as well as sharing the resolution to the IASC WG members.	OCHA	Completed. There were inclusive consultations with the agencies during the preparations of the segment itself and of the report, both in New York and in Geneva. The draft resolution in its various stages was shared with IASC WG members.
Expressed concern about the proposed timing (May) for the one-day joint session of the operational and humanitarian segments on transition and requested OCHA to advocate with member states to convene the transition meeting in connection with ECOSOC	56	The transition meeting convened in connection with ECOSOC.	OCHA	Completed. The Joint Session on Transition did take place during ECOSOC on 12 July.
Requested OCHA to provide as soon as possible a timeframe for preparing for the ECOSOC Humanitarian segment	56	Timeframe provided.	OCHA	Completed. The timeframe was discussed with IASC members in the Joint Meeting in early March. IASC Members were also sent drafts of all schedules and participants lists for comment in May and June.
Requested that a working level meeting of the IASC agencies should be convened as soon as the theme had been decided in order to begin preparations for drafting the Secretary-General's report and planning for the Segment.	56	Working level meeting of the IASC agencies convened.	OCHA	Completed. The Working level meeting was convened in early March. However, initial discussions and consultations on the theme were held in late 2003.

External Review of the IASC: Follow-up

Endorsed the IASC Implementation Plan with the following changes: (a) Added to the Preamble: " <i>Reaffirmed the impartiality of the IASC Secretariat</i> "; and (b) The first bullet under "Relationship between the IASC and other coordination mechanisms" to read: " <i>The ERC should ensure</i>	56	Issuance and dissemination of revised Implementation Plan.	IASC Secretariat	Completed
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<i>improved complementarity between the IASC and ECHA, utilizing the respective committees' different membership, in particular the participation of non-UN agencies in the IASC.</i>				
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Follow-up to HLHF

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Agreed in principle on the proposed areas of work for the IASC Task Force on Humanitarian Security. The proposed areas of work include: (a) Initiating Dialogue, (b) Codes of Conducts, (c) Recommendations for Action and Menu of Options, and (d) Pilot Countries for Collaborative Action.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Requested the IASC Task Force to determine the structure and modalities to take forward the work in the above-mentioned areas during the Task Force meeting on 18 June 2004.	57	The structure and modalities successfully determined in the TF meeting on 18 July.	IASC TF	Completed.
Recognized the need for the IASC to provide inputs to the security management process.	57	Inputs to the security management process are provided.	OCHA IASC members	Ongoing.

GHD

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Welcomed the progress in the GHD initiative.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expressed its commitment to working with the donors as partners and to make this initiative work.	57	The work with the donors continues.	IASC agencies	Ongoing.
Recognizing that additional efforts are needed to ensure involvement of NGOs in the initiative, including in the CAP, encouraged NGO consortia to seek greater NGO involvement in these processes.	57	Greater involvement of the NGOs.	NGO consortia	Ongoing.
Welcomed efforts and initiatives undertaken by donors to establish a coherent donor strategy and response to the CAPs.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A

HRHA

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Requested that the draft report be finalised rapidly through consultation with the workshop participants. The report would then be discussed by the IASC Task Force, which would recommend action points for the IASC-WG to adopt at the September WG meeting.	57	The report is adopted.	IASC TF UNICEF/ CVA	Following the consultations in the Taskforce, it has been agreed that the agenda item on HRHA is postponed to the 59 th WG meeting.
Agreed on a process for adopting the Guidelines for HCs on human rights. The Task Force is to finalise the draft Guidelines, incorporating comments from workshop participants, for submission to the IASC WG in September for adoption.	57	The Guidelines for HCs on human rights is adopted.	IASC TF	Ongoing. To be presented in the 59 th WG meeting in November.

Humanitarian Impact of Sanctions

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Endorsed the Handbook and Guidelines, and agreed that they would be issued as IASC documents and that the documents be disseminated widely.	57	Issuance and dissemination of final Handbook and Guidelines.	IASC members	Ongoing.
Endorsed the closure of the Task Force with recognition that it should be reactivated to carry out assessment, if sanctions were imposed in the future.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A

IDPs

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Thanked Kofi Asomani, the outgoing Chief of the Internal Displacement Unit, for his efforts in promoting the work and spirit of inter-agency collaboration to address the issue of IDPs.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Welcomed the work of the NRC's Global IDP Project in the areas of information collection and analysis, training of field-based actors on the Guiding Principles, and advocacy.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urged agencies to designate focal points within their respective organizations to facilitate sharing of IDP-related information with the Global IDP Project.	57	All agencies have designated IDP Focal Points.	IASC Agencies	Ongoing (WFP focal point designated on 29 August).
Agreed on the need to develop an inter-agency framework of system-wide collection and analysis of IDP-related information in close collaboration with the NRC and the Senior Network.	57	Development of an Inter-Agency framework of system-wide collection.	IASC Agencies, the NRC and the	Ongoing.

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			Senior Network	
Requested the IASC WG members to report to the Internal Displacement Unit on the dissemination and use of the procedural roadmap within their respective organizations, in particular in the field.	57	Reporting to the IDD in place.	IASC agencies and IDD	Feedback expected at 58 th IASC WG.
Agreed on the need to ensure the integration of the procedural roadmap into all relevant CAP workshops.	57	Roadmaps are integrated into all relevant CAP workshops.	CAP Section/OCHA	Ongoing.
Requested the Internal Displacement Unit and Senior Network to finalise the IASC Policy Package including the modalities of the Protection Standby Capacity, with an understanding that the package should be submitted and discussed at the 58 th IASC WG meeting in September.	57	IASC Policy package is finalized.	IDD, Senior Network and IASC WG members	Draft Policy Package to be finalized by Senior Network on 7 September for IASC WG endorsement. Separate ongoing discussions on PSC.
Requested that ongoing discussions on the new “mechanism,” which is to replace the current mandate of the RSG on IDPs, be broadened to ensure the input of IASC members.	57	The discussions on the new mechanism are continued and broadened to ensure the input of IASC members.	RSG IDPs	Pending nomination of new mandate bearer.
Acknowledged that the IDP Unit would be restructured as the Internal Displacement Division, and encouraged agencies to facilitate secondment of staff to the Division and requested ongoing reliance on the Sr Network as a main channel for inter-agency consultation.	57	The restructuring is conducted.	IDD and Senior Network	Restructuring to be presented to 58 th IASC WG. The Division’s areas of activities are three-fold: Field Response, Protection and Policy and Inter-Agency and External Relations.
Welcomed the commitment by the ERC on the IDP issue and his plans to promote concrete improvements in the collaborative approach at the country level, as discussed at the Canadian-hosted IDP workshop.	56	ERC continues promoting concrete improvements in the collaborative approach at the country level.	ERC	Ongoing.
Requested all concerned bodies (IDP Unit, Senior Network, and IASC agencies) to move quickly from discussion to action, so that substantive progress in addressing concrete IDP situations can be discussed at the upcoming IASC Principals Meeting on 1 April 2004. Noted that a background paper to clarify areas where the collaborative approach needed to be improved should be prepared in time for the IASC Principals meeting.	56	Substantive progress in addressing concrete IDP situations is discussed at the IASC Principals Meeting on 1 April 2004 and the background paper is prepared in time.	IDD, Senior Network and IASC agencies	Ongoing.

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Reaffirmed the catalytic role of the IDP Unit in promoting appropriate action from agencies in response to IDP needs.	56	IDD is promoting appropriate action from agencies in response to IDP needs.	IDD	Ongoing.
Agreed to convene an one-day (or more if necessary) meeting of the Senior Network prior to the IASC Principals meeting to review and conclude a number of unresolved issues, including: (a) key elements of the collaborative approach, (b) relationship between the IDP Unit and the Senior Network, (c) issues around protection, (d) the IDP Unit's strategic Workplan and (e) the specific proposals made by UNHCR regarding the role of HCs in the collaborative approach.	56	A meeting is held and the unresolved issues are reviewed and concluded.	IDD and Senior Network	The 1.5-day meeting took place on 15–16 March. The Senior Network members discussed the preparations for this meeting on 19 February. The discussions on the number of issues are ongoing.
Noted that while the protection-mandated agencies have a key role to play in protection, the issue of protection of civilians is a crosscutting responsibility of all agencies.	56	All agencies are addressing the issue of protection of civilians.	IASC WG members	Ongoing.
Welcomed the ERC's proposal to work on clear strategies in few selected countries to take the collaborative approach forward concretely. Liberia, Sudan, Burundi and Colombia were proposed by the Chair as countries to be given priority consideration.	56	Priority countries are selected and given priority consideration.	IDD	The priority countries of the IDD are Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, Uganda, Liberia and Colombia. Possibly Sri Lanka and DRC.

IDP Situation in the Russian Federation				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Expressed appreciation for the Country Team's efforts to follow up the recommendations of the RSG-IDPs mission and to address the IDP situation in the North Caucasus in a collaborative manner.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Welcomed the ERC's efforts highlighting the IDP situation in the North Caucasus in his high level discussions with the Government.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agreed that the IASC should stay engaged in the North Caucasus, with emphasis on the issues of voluntary return, access, protection and humanitarian space.	56	Continued engagement of the IASC in the North Caucasus.	IASC members	IASC members continue being engaged on all these issues depending on security situation.
Encouraged the Country Team to support and gain government agreement to produce a joint information brochure with UNHCR, outlining conditions for return to Chechnya as well as conditions for stay in Ingushetia and elsewhere in the Russian Federation.	56	A joint information brochure is published.	CT and UNHCR	The brochure is in the final stages of clearance with the Government.
Agreed on the importance of continuing high-level missions as platform to reinforce messages concerning common	56	High-level missions are continuing.	OCHA and IASC	ERC visited Northern Caucasus and Moscow in January 2004. High level missions are continued

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humanitarian concerns.			WG members	to be encouraged.
Agreed on the need for continued and concerted advocacy regarding protection of civilians inside Chechnya, while noting the efforts by the Country Team in advocating for voluntary return of IDPs.	56	Advocacy regarding protection of civilians inside Chechnya is continued and concerted.	IASC WG members	Ongoing.
Supported the idea of preparing a joint statement by the ERC and the RSG/IDPs before the visit of the UNDP Administrator as well as continuing with high-level missions.	56	A joint statement prepared.	RSG/IDPs and OCHA	The idea of a joint statement has been abandoned. A press release was issued following ERC's mission.
Reaffirmed the commitment of the humanitarian community to find a solution to the captivity of Arjan Erkel, and welcomed the offer of the Chairperson of the IASC WG to request the UNDP Administrator to raise this issue during his upcoming mission.	56	Release of Arjun Erkel.	Chair of the IASC WG	The issue was raised by ERC and UNDP Administrator. Arjun Erkel was released on April 11, 2004 after 20 months in captivity.
Appreciated efforts by the RC in pressing for agreement from the authorities for the incoming UNHCR head of office.	56	Reaching the agreement with the authorities regarding the incoming UNHCR head of office.	N/A	Efforts by RC were successful and agreement for the incoming UNHCR head of office obtained.

Internally Displaced Persons – Follow up to the IASC Principals' discussion

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Welcomed UNHCR's efforts in preparing the background paper on the Role of the Humanitarian Coordinators, and acknowledged that it had contributed to the inter-agency discussion defining further the collaborative approach.	56	Implementation of IASC IDP Policy Package, including Roadmap, in the field.	IDD and OCHA	Ongoing.
Agreed that the Senior Network would further discuss the IDP related issues put forward in the UNHCR background paper, with a view to developing revised supplementary guidance for the HCs on the implementation of the collaborative approach to be submitted at the IASC Principals meeting on 1 April.	56	Revised supplementary guidance issued.	Senior Network and OCHA	Ongoing.
Underlined the importance of the linkages between the gaps in the collaborative approach and resource shortfalls and suggested that the ERC should approach donors to inform them of the inter-agency arrangements agreed for a specific IDP response, and to seek their support for whichever agencies have agreed to take on a wider role in that collaborative response.	56	ERC has approached donors to inform them of the inter-agency arrangements and sought their support.	ERC	Ongoing.

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Indonesia				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Reaffirmed that the "high level-low profile" approach should continue to be exercised with greater frequency, and supplemented with missions of high-level UN officials.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suggested that the IASC-CT discuss benchmarks for the high level-low profile approach and whether outside facilitator or experts was needed for this.	57	Benchmarks are decided.	IASC CT	In the Steering Committee meeting in Aceh, all participants discussed the achievements made under the 'high level – low profile' approach and agreed that it was unlikely to see any substantial change in policy until after the elections, but that some progress had nevertheless been noted.
Encouraged the HC to continue advocating for all humanitarian actors, including NGOs (as important operational partners) with particular emphasis on access of NGOs to Aceh.	57	Advocacy for all humanitarian actors continues.	HC	Ongoing.
Agreed on the need to maintain an open dialogue with UN and NGOs on progress of the "High Level-Low Profile" approach.	57	An open dialogue between UN and NGOs maintained.		Ongoing.
Suggested that the IASC Country Team consult on the use of armed escorts in particular situations while acknowledging that armed escorts should be used as last resort only.	57	Consultations on the use of armed escorts have taken place.	IASC CT	CT has decided that the UN will use armed escorts if, and only if, such escort is deemed necessary by the authorities. A first mission (with local staff) has taken place outside Banda Aceh, into the Phase IV area, together with provincial authorities but without military escort. There seems to be a clear understanding of which areas are "clear" and do not require escort, which are "dangerous" and require escort, and which are "black" and impossible to visit even with escort.
Welcomed the lowering of the security phase in West Timor to IV, and underlined the importance of carrying out an interagency needs assessment mission as soon as possible.	57	Lowering of the security phase in West Timor and an interagency needs assessment mission carried out.	Agencies	Ongoing.
Recommended that an awareness and public information campaign be carried out in West Timor to improve the image and public perception of the humanitarian community.	57	Awareness and public information campaign is carried out in West Timor And the image and public perception is improved.		Still to be discussed by the UN CT.

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Acknowledged that the IASC-Country Team would decide on whether or not to have a CAP/transitional appeal and encouraged continued consultations with donors on the issue.	57	Decision on whether or not a Consolidated Appeal for Indonesia should be prepared for the year 2005.	IASC CT	It was agreed that instead of formal Consolidated Appeal, there is need to develop a concerted transitional strategy for the year 2005 to bridge the gap between the CAP for 2004 and the UNDAF which will come into effect as of 2006. The transitional strategy would be similar to the CHAP part of a Consolidated Appeal.
Agreed to continue dialogue with the Country Team to determine the need and timing of the ERC's mission and on specific issues that could be raised during the mission.	57	The need and timing of the ERC's mission is determined.	CT and OCHA	Mr. Egeland has noted that there is no compelling reason for him to visit Indonesia at this stage but would reconsider if necessary.
Welcomed OCHA's continued, albeit reduced, presence in Indonesia through mid-2005, and agreed that a new assessment would be made around October 2004 to further assess requirements.	57	OCHA present in Indonesia until mid-2005 and an assessment done.	OCHA	There is consensus among the UN CT and the IASC CT members that OCHA should phase out in 2005. This was mostly due to the overall improved situation in Indonesia. OCHA has already phased out of North Maluku. In Central Sulawesi, OCHA had reduced its presence to local staff only. Similarly, OCHA's international staff would leave Ambon in September.

Integrated Missions				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Recognized differences among different IASC members in their understanding of the value-added of integrated missions.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Understood that the whole IASC membership would need to be seized of the issue of integrated missions to address the issues relevant to the humanitarian community such as: (a) preserving humanitarian space in the context of integrated missions, (b) types and structures of integrated missions, (c) reporting line of the HC, and (d) DO function.	57	IASC addresses the issues of integrated missions relevant to the humanitarian community.	OCHA	Ongoing. Integrated Missions was the topic of the 25 th NGO-IASC Monthly Meeting, which was held on 1 September. The topic is also on the agenda of the 58 th IASC WG.
Requested OCHA/PDSB to consult IASC members on the Terms of References of the two joint studies being planned by OCHA and DPKO on integrated missions.	57	IASC members are consulted on the ToRs.	OCHA/PDSB	ToRs will be reviewed and discussed at the 58 th WG Meeting.
Underlined the need for the IASC to remain seized with this issue and requested OCHA to ensure full consultation with all IASC members.	57	Full consultations with all IASC members are continued.	OCHA	Ongoing.

Iraq

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Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Expressed appreciation for the work of the Humanitarian Coordinator and the Country Team.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recognized the continued need for humanitarian assistance in Iraq.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expressed its continued commitment and support for the ongoing contingency planning exercise, and recognized the constant need of updating it given the rapidly evolving situation.	57	Contingency planning exercise continues to be supported.	Humanitarian Coordinator/CT	Ongoing. There are plans to have a second round of contingency planning consultations within the next two months, in order to better consolidate the events and lessons learned from the past three months.
Expressed its commitment to the coordination mechanism in place, particularly the cluster approach that has proved to be effective and could be used as a model for other situation.	57	Coordination mechanism is in place.	IASC WG agencies	The Cluster approach continues to be working very well in coordinating the UN's response to the humanitarian and reconstruction efforts in Iraq.
Underlined the importance of recognizing that the security approach adopted in Iraq is an exception.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recognized the need to conduct humanitarian operations from outside Iraq, given the extremely volatile security situation on the ground.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agreed to look into undertaking an IASC lessons learned on the Iraq response in a timely manner.	57	An IASC lessons learned on the Iraq undertaken.	OCHA and IASC WG agencies	To be determined.
Agreed on the need for improved public information on humanitarian action undertaken in Iraq, recognizing that this needs to be done without jeopardizing the security of national staff. This issue should be discussed in the policy or operation groups for Iraq, chaired by the DSG and DPA respectively.	57	Public information on humanitarian action is improved.	HC, OCHA and IASC Agencies	There is a concerted effort to highlight the exact role and mandate of UNAMI, particularly in regard to its role in the elections. This is being done through television, radio as well as paper media. However, because of security fears, the humanitarian and reconstruction role is still being kept on a lower profile.

Preparations for the Humanitarian Summit on Security (31 March 2004) and the IASC Principals Meeting (1 April 2004)

Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Agreed to change the title of the meeting from "Summit" to "High-level Humanitarian Forum".	56	Change of name.	IASC Secretariat	Completed.
Agreed that the purpose of the meeting would be to promote commitment to collective actions that the humanitarian community needs to take to enhance the broader humanitarian community's effectiveness and presence in an	56	HLHF meeting that focuses on promoting collective actions.	N/A	Completed – In the HLHF meeting there was a broad endorsement that the main way to sustain humanitarian access is through practicing 'risk management' on a collaborative basis. A 'risk

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increasingly difficult security environment.				management approach requires a proactive collaboration across the agencies to help to ensure system-wide strength and cohesion in increasingly difficult environments.
Agreed in principle to the elements outlined in the draft concept paper as the focus of the meeting, with a recognition that the proposal will be revised further to reflect the discussion at the IASC Working Group and in the IASC Task Force on Security.	56	N/A	OCHA and IASC TF	
Requested the IASC Task Force on Security to continue preparations for the meeting including consultative process leading to a short background document. Such background paper should address how best to respond to the new environment in which the humanitarian community is operating, and address three issues: (a) How to better manage the risk on a collaborative basis, (b) Perceptions: how the humanitarian operations are perceived and what are the key messages that the humanitarian community as a whole should send out, and (c) How to develop better collective responses in high risk areas.	56	Preparations of background document with the elements clearly spelled out.	OCHA and SCHR as co-chairs of the IASC Task Force	Completed.

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Welcomed the successful completion of the work of the Task Force, and adopted the proposed action points contained in the background document.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Requested the co-chairs of the Task Force to revert with a proposal for how the IASC WG could take the issue of standards of personal behavior forward.	57	The co-chairs revert with a proposal.	IASC TF Co-chairs of the TF	
Requested the IASC Secretariat to ensure annual reporting by the IASC members on the implementation of the recommendations, as well as reporting by the RC/HC on the implementation of the Secretary General's Bulletin.	57	The annual reporting by the IASC Secretariat on the implementation of recommendations as well as by the RC/HC on the implementation of the Secretary General's Bulletin is ensured by the IASC Secretariat.	IASC Secretariat Concerned RCs/HCs	Ongoing.
Requested all IASC members to appoint Headquarter focal points for an informal network chaired by the co-chairs.	57	The HQ Focal Points are appointed.	IASC members	Ongoing.

Protection of Civilians				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Welcomed the briefing on the issue of Protection of Civilians (POC).	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Requested OCHA to ensure inclusive consultation with all IASC agencies in the preparation of future reports on POC.	57	The inclusive consultations are ensured.	OCHA and IASC agencies	Ongoing.
Noted that the ERC had been asked to report to the Security Council on POC issues, and encouraged all agencies to forward POC concerns to the ERC for his further action.	57	ERC reporting to the SC on POC issues.	OCHA/P DSB IASC agencies	Ongoing.
Acknowledged the need for discussion on how the Security Council could promote humanitarian concerns on protection issues on a country basis in a strategic manner.	57	Discussions on how the Security Council could promote humanitarian concerns on protection issues on a country basis in a strategic manner conducted.	OCHA/P DSB IASC agencies	Ongoing.
Reaffirmed that addressing POC issues should not be limited to only those countries/regions already discussed in the Security Council, noting the ERC's comments to the Council on the Darfur crisis.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emphasized the importance of completing the Uganda workshop on the Protection of Civilians, which has been postponed to September 2004	57	Uganda workshop on POC conducted.	OCHA/P DSB Uganda CT	Completed. Uganda workshop on the Protection of Civilians took place on 7-8 September

Review of Emerging Crisis				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Acknowledged that much progress has been made on early warning over the past few years, including development of methodology, networking, and involvement of Country Teams in the process, and in this context welcomed the work done by the IASC Sub Working Group on Preparedness and Contingency Planning (SWG).	57	N/A	CT IASC SWG	N/A

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Agreed that future IASC WG meetings, starting from the next meeting, would receive an early warning brief from the SWG, with the understanding that the discussions would focus on high risk/low preparedness type of situations.	57	EW brief conducted in the future IASC WG meetings.	IASC SWG IASC Secretariat	Pilot report presented at the September IASC WG.
Endorsed the proposal for a common IASC Early Warning website platform to be created under the leadership of the SWG to facilitate the sharing of early warning information.	57	Launch of the platform.	IASC SWG	Platform to be launched in the September WG.
Emphasized the need for system-wide approaches as proposed by the SWG to move forward on early warning and early action, and recognized that much work was still needed to translate early warning into early action.	57	Action taken for follow-up and early warning report translated into concrete action.	N/A	
Reaffirmed the role of the ERC in ensuring both advocacy and early action, and at the same time reaffirmed the shared responsibility by the agencies to bring early warning information to the attention of their senior management.	57	Agencies are ensuring that EW information brought to the attention of their senior management.	ERC IASC WG agencies	Ongoing.

Uganda				
Action Point	Mtg	Progress / Success Indicator	Action by	Status of follow-up
Acknowledged that the humanitarian situation in Northern Uganda is worsening for IDPs, refugees and the local population, resulting in further displacement and the rapid erosion of coming mechanisms of the population; this crises requires the full time attention of the Humanitarian Coordinator.	57	N/A	HC	Despite a noticeable reduction of security incidents around IDP camps in July- August, and ongoing defections of middle-ranking LRA commanders and their followers, overall, the humanitarian situation in the conflict affected districts of Uganda remains dire: vulnerable population registered for food assistance is still estimated at around 1.8 million. The number of "night commuters" remains high despite a slight reduction in August.
Welcomed UNDP's proposal to strengthen the UNDP Country Office which would enable the HC/RC to devote more energy to deal with humanitarian issues in northern Uganda.	57	N/A	UNDP	The newly appointed Deputy Resident Representative, who has extensive background on crisis issues took-up his function in August 2004. UNDP is also setting-up a post-conflict Unit.
Recognized the recent increased presence by agencies, but requested IASC members to further increase rapidly their staffing levels in Northern Uganda, recognizing that funding constraints should not be the limiting factor to deploying staff in a timely manner. In this respect, agencies were encouraged to explore the use of Central Emergency Revolving Fund (CERF) to facilitate staff deployment.	57	The staffing levels increased.	IASC WG agencies	OCHA: The Head of the Information Management Unit took-up his functions in August 2004. In addition, OCHA is planning to open offices in Pader (1 international and 1 national staff) and Katakwi, Teso region (1 national staff). Will recruit an IDP Protection Coordinator, based in Kampala, roaming to all field offices.

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				UNICEF has posted a second Child Protection Officer in Kitgum (international staff). UNICEF is finalising recruitment of HIV/AIDS expert. UNICEF plans to recruit a Water and Sanitation Officer (national) for the north. A logistician will also be recruited for the monitoring of the armoured vehicles. To strengthen its protection role, recruit 3 protection officers. UNICEF is looking at opening an office in Pader and would share premises with OCHA. WHO has recruited a local staff based in Gulu overlooking the health situation in all the affected districts.
Noted the request made by the NGO Consortia to ensure inclusive consultation in the RC selection process, where RCs are expected to also serve as the HCs.	57	NGO Consortia consulted in the RC selection process.	OCHA and UNDP	Ongoing.
Acknowledged the need to work continue working closely with the Government authorities in addressing the issues of access, security, and protection of civilians through constant dialogue regarding IHL and humanitarian principles.	57	Continuous work with the Government in the issues of access, security, and protection of civilians.	HC/CT	The HC has had regular meetings with the authorities at the highest level on these issues. The UN organised a Protection of Civilians Workshop during which all humanitarian actors and the Government have endorsed recommendations on each of these issues. The HC and OCHA will closely monitor the implementation of the recommendations agreed upon at the POC workshop.
Acknowledged the difficulties in dialoguing with the LRA, but called for creative ways to do so, including by using other Governments as channels, so that issues of IHL and protection of civilians could be discussed.	57	N/A	N/A	The LRA is not accessible so far for constructive dialogue despite attempts from various stakeholders (UN- ICRC-civil society). Some indirect contacts have been made with the LRA but there is no progress at this stage on guaranteed humanitarian access.
Underlined that Uganda is a country with functional government authorities that has the responsibility for protection of its civilians.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Acknowledged the difficulty of humanitarian workers to operate in an environment where one party of the conflict is not accessible and very unpredictable.	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Noted that the use of armed escorts is, for the time being, often a necessary solution for the United Nations to ensure delivery of humanitarian assistance given the current security circumstances. Acknowledged the need to undertake regular reviews on the use of armed escorts by the Country Team and to ensure dialogue with the broader	57	Regular reviews on the use of armed escorts are undertaken.	Country Team	In Teso, all humanitarian actors now access IDP camps without armed escorts. In Gulu district, with the recent improvement in the security situation, the UN is awaiting authority from the District Security Committee to access 8 camps, that are in the vicinity of the municipality, without military

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humanitarian community on this issue to ensure full understanding by all humanitarian actors.				escorts. In most other conflict affected districts, it is still not safe to deliver humanitarian aid (in particular food assistance) without using military escorts. A number of NGOs whose mandate does not allow for the use of military escorts continue to take risks in accessing the IDP camps. The question of military escorts remains a tactical decision taken by the Designated Official and the SMT in country. A flexible approach has been adopted and the situation is reviewed on a regular basis, in consultation with the Government, respecting the balance between risk management and the need to access the camps. In addition, as an alternative to the use of heavy military escorts, which is not appropriate for delivery of NFIs, and prevents sustained implementation and monitoring of programmes such as health and education, water and sanitation and protection, UNICEF is looking at using armoured vehicles to access the camps with their partners (UN and NGOs). Vehicles will be stationed in Gulu and Kitgum.
Noted the difficult protection environment, and requested the CT to use and adapt existing inter-agency policy and programming tools on IDPs.	57	The Inter-Agency policy and programming tools used by the CT.	Country Team	Ongoing.
Requested the country team to ensure strong leadership of the protection working groups, including through calling upon the IDP Division's offer of protection expertise for a limited time period.	57	Strong leadership of the protection working groups ensured.	Country Team and IDD	UNICEF and OCHA are working together to enhance the UN protection capacity and develop a protection strategy with the support of the IDP Division and in partnership with all stakeholders.
Noted that the prevalence of HIV/AIDS is a major concern for population affected by crisis, and encouraged agencies to use of the IASC Guidelines on HIV/AIDS in Emergency Settings as tool in programming.	57	IASC Guidelines on HIV/AIDS in Emergency Settings used as tool in programming	IASC WG agencies	The IASC guidelines have been distributed to the UNCT. Development agencies and NGOs working on HIV/AIDS are preparing a response plan to be included in the CAP 2005.
Underlined the need for continued advocacy to address the issue of small arms trafficking.	57	Advocacy on the small arms trafficking continued	IASC agencies and UNDP	UNDP will assist the Government in implementing the National Action Plan on small arms and is advocating for the disarmament and demobilisation of ex-rebels, militia and cattle rustlers (in Karamoja).
Requested the Emergency Relief Coordinator to continue his advocacy on the humanitarian crisis in northern Uganda in various political fora, including the Security Council.	57	ERC continues his advocacy on the humanitarian crisis in northern Uganda	ERC and OCHA	Ongoing

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Requested that if there are any discussions taking place on Northern Uganda in the context of ECHA that IASC members be kept informed of these discussions so as to ensure complementarity of efforts.	57	IASV members are kept informed of the discussions taking place on Northern Uganda in the context of ECHA	IASC/EC HA Secretari at	Ongoing
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Update on the work of the IASC Subsidiary Bodies

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Endorsed the 2004 Workplan of the IASC Task Force on Emergency Telecommunications.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Endorsed the 2004 Workplan of the IASC Task Force on Natural Disasters, and requested the Task Force to ensure full complementarity with the IASC Task Force on Preparedness and Contingency Planning.	56	Consistent dialogue between Task Force on Natural Disasters and Preparedness and Contingency Planning SWG	IASC TF on Natural Disasters (OCHA and IFRC)	Ongoing
Endorsed the 2004 Workplan of the IASC Task Force on Strengthening Field Information Management.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agreed to discuss the final report of the IASC Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in the June IASC-WG meeting, and agreed to remain seized of the matter and ensure that there would be annual reporting on progress achieved in this matter to the IASC WG.	56	Annual Reporting in Place	IASC TF on Protection from Sexual Exploitation (OCHA and UNICEF)	Ongoing
Expressed appreciation for the excellent work that WFP and UNICEF had done as co-chairs since the establishment of the Task Force on Gender and Humanitarian Assistance and thanked the outgoing co-chairs, Noreen Khan of UNICEF and Sitta Kai-Kai of WFP, and welcomed the new co-chairs, Rayana Bu-Hakah of WHO and Allegra Baiocchi of OCHA.	56	N/A	N/A	N/A