

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP  
55th MEETING**

**12-13 November 2003**

**IFRC Headquarters, Geneva  
Auditorium (Basement)**

**Preparations for the IASC Principals Meeting 11 December:  
Background Note**

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The next IASC Principals meeting will take place, as originally planned, on Thursday 11 December 2003 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The meeting will take place at 10.00-13.00 hrs followed by the Principals-only lunch from 13.15-15.00 hrs hosted by the the Emergency Relief Coordinator at the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Delegates' Restaurant in the Palais des Nations.

As proposed by the IASC-WG in September, the agenda for the meeting is the following:

1. Access and Security
2. The Role of the Humanitarian Coordinator, with a focus on protection and assistance of IDPs
3. Future of Humanitarian Action (for the Principals-only lunch discussion)

Preparation of background documents:

- OCHA would prepare the background document for the item 1.
- UNHCR would prepare the background document for the item 2.
- The background document for item 3 would be decided after the IASC Workshop on Future of Humanitarian Action to be held on 11 November.

**Expected Decisions/Action Points by the IASC-WG:**

The IASC-WG is requested to confirm the agenda and arrangement outlined above and is requested to agree how to proceed with the preparation of the background document for the agenda item 3.

Prepared by the IASC Secretariat