

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
PRINCIPALS MEETING**

7 April 2005

9:30 – 13:00 hrs

Room I, Palais des Nations, Geneva

REVISED ANNOTATED AGENDA

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**THEME: MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING THE INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN COMMUNITY**

- 1. Opening Remarks by the Emergency Relief Coordinator**
- 2. Responding to the Tsunami disaster: Lessons from the Humanitarian Response and speeding up recovery efforts.**

Mr. Erskine Bowles, Deputy Special Envoy for tsunami response, will brief on the role of Special Envoy Bill Clinton and his impression from his recent visit to the affected areas. Ms. Yvette Stevens, Chair of the IASC Working Group, and the Executive Director of World Food Programme, Mr. Jim Morris, will be invited to comment on the performance of our Humanitarian Common Services. The ERC will also comment on issues relating to visibility and accountability in the humanitarian response to the tsunami.

- 3. Addressing the Protection Crisis in Humanitarian Situations**

Mr. Dennis McNamara, Director of the Inter-agency Internal Displacement Division, will introduce this item for discussion. Mr. Walter Kälin, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs and Ms. Wendy Chamberlin, Acting High Commissioner for Refugees, will be invited to make additional comments.

- 4. Reform of the Humanitarian Response System**

The Emergency Relief Coordinator will introduce this item for discussion, which may continue during the IASC Principals only lunch. The background document for this item will be the Secretary-General's Report 'In Larger Freedom'.