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Strengthening UN Agency Accountability in Crises of Internal Displacement-

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Further to recent inter-agency consultations and the meeting on 14 June of the Senior Network on Internal Displacement, the following revised action is proposed under this agenda item:

Proposed Actions by the IASC WG members:

The IASC WG is asked to agree in principle that a sectoral approach to strengthening accountability and predictability in the response to IDP crises merits further exploration.

Such an approach should be viewed as an effort to clarify the inter-agency division of labour in sectors of IDP-specific vulnerability (particularly camp management, emergency shelter, protection, return, and reintegration and recovery), where there is currently no agency answerable to the HC for ensuring planning and strategy development, standard-setting, implementation monitoring, and advocacy. This effort should also be seen as further strengthening the overall accountability of the Humanitarian Coordinator for IDP response, in line with the IASC's Guidance of September 2004.

The IASC WG requests the ERC to consult further with IASC members, in order to develop an appropriate outline designating sector specific agency accountability for all major IDP crises.