

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
***Ad Hoc* PRINCIPALS' MEETING**
“Strengthening Humanitarian Response”

12 September 2005

10h00 – 13h00 (Nafis Sadik Conference Room, 19th Floor), followed by
13h00-15h00 Principals only luncheon (Rafael Salas Conference Room, 19th Floor),
Venue: UNFPA Headquarters, New York

REVISED ANNOTATED AGENDA
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1. Welcoming Remarks by UNFPA Executive Director.

2. Discussion on Humanitarian Reform Agenda.

Mr. Jan Egeland, the ERC will give an update on the overall status of humanitarian reform efforts and introduce the specific objectives of this *Ad Hoc* IASC Principals meeting. This includes progress in setting up the proposed Central Emergency Response Fund, the follow-up to the Humanitarian Response Review, the strengthening of the humanitarian coordination and the upcoming General Assembly's discussions, including the status of the draft Summit Declaration.

3. Cluster responsibility and accountability

Ms. Yvette Stevens, the Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator (AERC) will present the outcomes of the 62nd IASC Working Group Retreat, as follows:

- (a) Executive Summaries of Reports from the Cluster Working Groups.
- (b) Draft Outcome Statement by IASC Principals

The Principals will agree on designation of agencies that will assume primary managerial responsibility and accountability for the response in particular clusters, as suggested in the Action Plans prepared by the various Cluster Working Groups. The meeting will also attempt to reach a better understanding and agreement on the exact roles and responsibilities of cluster lead agencies (i.e. in terms of capacity building and accountability).

4. Next steps towards strengthening humanitarian response

The ERC will summarize the discussion on the various reform initiatives, identify the remaining gaps, and outline the next steps towards the next IASC Principals meeting on 12 December 2005.

5. Any other business

Brief presentation on preparations for the Pandemic Influenza (“Avian Flu”), by WHO and FAO.

N.B. If needed, discussion on any of the above subjects will continue over lunch.