INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE PRINCIPALS MEETING

Revised Draft Annotated Agenda

12 December 2005, 10h00 to 13h00, followed by Principals only luncheon, 13h00 to 15h00 at the Delegates Restaurant on 8th Floor of the Palais des Nations

Palais des Nations, Room I, Geneva

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I Introductory Remarks by the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC).

II Priorities of the European Commission in Humanitarian Work.

Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, has been invited to join the meeting and present to the IASC Principals the European Commission's priorities in humanitarian work.

III Better Humanitarian Response: Reform of the Humanitarian System and Cluster Responsibility and Accountability.

The Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) will present the status of the humanitarian reform process, including the CERF. The ERC will also highlight key issues related to the cluster approach, including consultations about phased implementation in current emergencies. The Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator (AERC) will present the outcomes of the 63rd IASC Working Group Meeting.

Expected outcome: The Principals will discuss and consider to endorse the Clusters Action Plans and agree on the steps needed to a) establish a system of phased implementation in 2006 and b) implement remaining humanitarian reform initiatives and processes.

IV Strengthening the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) System.

The ERC and ICVA will introduce the discussion on proposals for strengthening the Humanitarian Coordinator System.

Expected outcome: The Principals will be requested to review the recommendations and agree on the next steps.

V Approval of IASC 2006 Work Plan and Calendar of IASC Events.

The AERC will present a brief overview of the IASC activities in 2005, the proposed 2006 IASC Work Plan and tentative timetable of IASC activities in 2006.

Expected outcome: The Principals will consider to endorse the 2006 Work Plan and timetable, as well as to launch the new IASC Website.

VI Implementation of the Humanitarian Reform Initiatives. [Lunch Session, with Principals only]

The ERC will introduce the discussion on implementation, monitoring and funding of the humanitarian reform process.

Expected outcome: Discussions will focus on the implementation of the humanitarian reform, including the strategy for resource mobilization and for engaging donors' support for a more predictable and effective humanitarian response system.