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MCDU Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the recommendations of the MCDU review with the recognition that the fundamental issue of the relationship between military and humanitarian actors needed to be clarified in order to guide the implementation of the review recommendations; • Recognised the need for a close linkage between the IASC and the MCDU; • Agreed that the follow-up to and implementation of the recommendations related to structure, staffing and the management of the MCDU remain the prerogative of OCHA. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no progress made in terms of implementing recommendations concerning staffing and structure. At the next Consultative Group meeting of the MCDU in March, MCDU expects to receive guidance on how to proceed. There is a need to secure funding to implement recommendations.
Guidelines for the Use of MCDA in Complex Emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the work done to date on the draft MCDA guidelines. • Provisionally accepted the guidelines with recognition that additional efforts were needed to address the outstanding issues of 1) MCDA as last resort, 2) the control of the MCDA, and 3) distinction between belligerent and non-belligerent military assets, before the draft guidelines could be finalised and endorsed • Requested OCHA to convene an informal consultation with interested IASC members as soon as possible to further work on the three areas of concern and to reach consensus on disputed parts of the text. The consultation was scheduled to take place in Geneva on Friday 29 November at 11.00 hrs; • Agreed that the draft guidelines could be disseminated to the 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a series of consultations in late 2002, the IASC WG submitted a version 8.0 in January 2003, with a number of changes from version 5.1, In response to comments received by eight members of the Drafting and Review Committee, a final meeting with these eight members is scheduled on 10 March

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	<p>field accompanied with a cover note outlining the areas of concerns raised in the IASC-WG meeting. This however would not happen before the informal consultation with interested IASC members.</p>		<p>2003. The outcome of the discussion will be discussed with IASC WG members at March 2003 WG meeting.</p>
Review of the CAP launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the idea of requesting the establishment of an International Humanitarian Day in late November or early December; OCHA was encouraged to make the necessary demarches towards the General Assembly; • Agreed on the need for early consultations regarding 1) the choice of the CAP 2004 launch locations and CAP countries and 2) the CAP theme; • Agreed that necessary steps should be taken to increase media interest in the CAP launch; underlined that the focus of the media and advocacy should be on the situation in the affected countries, less so on the CAP as a tool; • Agreed to consult with the Geneva donor group as part of lessons learned to see how greater donor involvement could be ensured in the donor meetings following the CAP launch; • Supported the concept of decentralised launches, with the active participation of HCs and Heads of Agency. 	<p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA IASC Agencies</p> <p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA initiated a process of exploring the concept of World Humanitarian Day. • Ongoing. • Public Information Taskforce was established under CAP SWG to develop the CAP launch media strategy. • Discussed with the . Montreaux IV meeting (26 to 28 February 2003). • Ongoing.
UNJLC Activation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the proposed activation protocol for the JLC pending 	IASC Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed,

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Protocol	<p>slight revision of the text. Agreed that the revised version would be circulated electronically by the IASC Secretariat for endorsement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the proposed consultative core group would consist of key UN agencies, a representative of the Red Cross movement, an NGO representative and, when appropriate, MCDU. 	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
Update on the Work of the IDP Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the proposed Protection Survey and IDP Response Matrix, emphasising the need for close linkage between the two processes; • Requested the Unit to review the definition “international protection if IDPs” referred to in the first page of the Protection Survey and underline that protection is the responsibility of the national authorities; • Requested that the results and any recommendations of the IDP Response Matrix and the Protection Survey should be presented to the IASC-WG for comments and discussion; Requested the IDP Unit to propose principles for updating the IDP Matrix; • Encouraged the IDP Unit to engage the Senior Inter-Agency IDP Network more actively; • Agreed that the external review of the work of the Unit would also include review of the collaborative approach highlighting issues of accountability and responsibility. 	<p style="text-align: center;">IDP Unit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IDP Unit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IDP Unit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IDP Unit/Sr. Network</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IDP Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection survey document revised. • Ongoing. • Unit keeps IASC-WG informed on progress with the Matrix and the Survey • Ongoing. • OCHA’s PDSB will undertake the evaluation of IDP Unit in 2003.
Revision of ToR of HCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on the substance of the draft text, noting that further revisions would be made to accommodate comments provided during the HC Retreat as well as comments provided by the RC Issues Group and the IASC members in the meeting; 	IASC Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested that the revised draft ToR be circulated for electronic endorsement; • Requested the Chair of the IASC-WG to respond to the letter from the UNDG RC Issues Group and explain the decisions taken at the IASC WG meeting. • Agreed on the need to develop criteria for deploying Regional HCs. 	<p>IASC Secretariat</p> <p>IASC WG Chairperson (Ross Mountain)</p> <p>IASC Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After series of consultations, a final version was circulated to IASC members for endorsement late February 2003. • Informal feedback was provided to Chair of DGO in Dec 2002. Written feedback will be provided when the final version is circulated for IASC members. . • No progress made yet.
Follow-up to the HC Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaffirmed that the IASC would follow up on those recommendations that concern IASC activities; • Acknowledged the need to strengthen the dialogue and contacts between the IASC and the HCs; • Reaffirmed the policy to invite HCs (or other country team members as appropriate) systematically to the IASC-WG discussions; • Agreed on the need for more systematic training and orientation for the HCs; • Underlined the need to clarify the accountability line between FSO and HCs/DOs in the matrix provided by UNSECOORD. 	<p>IASC Agencies</p> <p>IASC Secretariat</p> <p>IASC Secretariat</p> <p>OCHA, IASC Agencies</p> <p>OCHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Ongoing. HCs were consulted with IASC workplan and suggestions were requested for IASC agenda. • Ongoing • Ongoing

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Taskforce on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Humanitarian Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the continuation of the Task Force and implementation of the plan of action in 2003 in light of the findings of the Task Force mission to Liberia and Sierra Leone; • Requested the ERC or the Chair of the IASC-WG to liaise with the World Bank to obtain their endorsement for the Plan of Action. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force is working with OLA to finalize a draft SG's Bulletin, • In its reply to the ERC, the World Bank has indicated that the Plan of Action is working its way through the Bank's internal review process and is still pending endorsement.
Reference Group on Gender and Humanitarian Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the new co-chair of the RG; • Agreed that the RG on Gender and Humanitarian Assistance should continue its work in 2003; • Requested that the RG focus on the gap between guidelines on gender mainstreaming and implementation; • Encouraged linkages with other mechanisms focusing on gender issues. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gender RG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gender RG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A • Ongoing. The Gender TF meeting in Jan 2003 discussed how best to close the gap. • Good linkages established with IASC TF on Protection from Sexual Exploitation, CAP SWG.
Reference Group on Humanitarian Action and Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the work plan for 2003; • Endorsed the Frequently Asked Questions; • Requested that priority be given in 2003 to developing guidelines on human rights and humanitarian action for HCs. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAHR RG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A • Ongoing. The HRHA TF initiated a study on frequent dilemmas faced by humanitarians in applying the HR law.

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Reference Group on Preparedness and Contingency Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praised the work conducted so far by the RG, and its special contribution to the Middle East planning process; • Endorsed the RG's workplan for 2003 noting that a more detailed plan would be developed and shared with the IASC members; • Encouraged all Country Teams to engage in contingency planning and in implementing the contingency plans; • Requested IASC members to include contingency planning in their respective training; • Supported efforts to increase linkages with other processes e.g. CAP, and suggested the senior level missions systematically enquire about contingency planning efforts. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contingency Planning RG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CTs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agencies Contingency Planning RG Contingency Planning RG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • The TF may present its workplan at March WG upon its TF meeting on 5 March 2003. • Ongoing • Ongoing • Ongoing. Gender TF members agreed during their Gender TF meeting in Jan 2003 that each agency should include gender advisers in the contingency planning process.
Reference Group on Humanitarian Consequences of Sanctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the extension of the RG's mandate in 2003 with the understanding that this is the last year of the Reference Group; • Encouraged all members to contribute to the process; • Welcomed the project proposal to develop generic methodology for assessments and encouraged the RG to present the assessment methodology at the June 2003 IASC Working Group meeting; 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC Agencies Sanctions RG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • Ongoing • Ongoing. The TF may face difficulty in pursuing the study due to funding constraints. The TF obtained only 50 % of required funds to carry out the study.

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Taskforce on Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the new chair of the Task Force; • Requested that more focus be given to content related and country-level training; • Underlined the need for identifying complementarity between training of agencies; • Requested the Task Force to present its workplan at next IASC-WG meeting for review and discussion. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A Training TF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training TF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training TF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • The TF proposes that it will focus on partnership and emergency team leadership in 2003. The TF offers quality assurance support for other IASC subsidiary bodies if there is need. • N/A • The Training TF will present its 2003 workplan at March WG.
RG on Telecommunications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the extension of the mandate of the Reference Group in 2003, under a new name Reference Group on Information and Communication Technology; • Endorsed the workplan of the Reference Group for 2003; • Agreed to encourage policy makers and decision makers of the respective agencies to support compliance to follow agreed standardized of telecommunication equipment for emergencies; • Emphasized the importance of interoperability and need to comply with minimum operating security standards for telecommunications; 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A IASC WG members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC Agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the 14th WGET meeting, it was decided that the Group will be renamed as IASC SWG on Telecommunications, given that the group's mandate will focus on telecommunications. • N/A • The ITU-T (Standardization sector) initiative was welcomed by participants. The WGET secretariat is requested to ensure that the needs of the

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed on the need to consider appropriate support to the OCHA CAP Section.	IASC Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No commitments expressed.

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Plan of Action for Strengthening the Work of the IASC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed and endorsed the Plan of Action; • Agreed to carry out an external review of the implementation of the Plan of Action after six months; • Stressed the need for appropriate senior level involvement in the WG meetings; • Stressed that the IASC WG should, whenever possible, use ad-hoc meetings to discuss emergencies or other country situations. Regular meetings of the IASC WG should only discuss country situations if the need, advantage and expected outcome are clearly identified; • Agreed on the importance of the reference groups reporting back to the IASC WG and supported that the review of the Reference Groups' work be divided over the four meetings to allow for substantive discussion. It was also stressed that the RG's should not be kept going beyond the time required to accomplish their agreed terms of reference; • Agreed on the process of requesting inputs from the members for the Chairman's overview which would be shared in written form; • Supported the idea of teleconferencing with the whole country team on country issues, when feasible. 	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A IASC Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC WG members IASC Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • Expected in June 2003. • Ongoing • Ongoing • Ongoing. The IASC WG in March 2003 allocates one hour each for reporting of IASC Subsidiary Body to allow substantive discussion. • Ongoing. Request for input for the Chairman's overview was sent to agencies in preparation of March IASC WG meeting. • Ongoing. Telephone linkage will be made with HCs in the field in March WG.
ECOSOC Preparations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to involve all IASC members in the preparation of the SG's report from the first moment of the planning including 	OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussion on the outline; • Agreed that the themes of forgotten emergencies and HIV/AIDS be suggested to the ECOSOC bureau. One of the topics could be covered as a theme for the segment and the other one as a high-level panel. 	OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
IASC Workplan 2002 and 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested agencies to submit comments on the draft 2003 work plan by 29 November in time for it to be finalised and submitted to the Plenary meeting; • Requested the members to confirm by 15 December the suitability of 11 December 2003 as the date for the second IASC Plenary meeting in 2003. The meeting would take place in Geneva; • Agreed to include staff security in the workplan; • Requested the IASC Secretariat to monitor the implementation of the different areas of work on a continuous basis by interacting with the relevant responsible units. 	IASC Secretariat IASC Agencies IASC Secretariat IASC Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • Completed • Completed, • Ongoing
Preparations for the Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the item on impact of HIV/AIDS on food security and human survival in Southern Africa be discussed during the principals-only lunch meeting; • Agreed that the Plenary agenda should include: (a) rapid endorsement of the IASC workplan; (b) the potential crisis in Iraq; and (c) humanitarian action and interface with military actors. 	IASC Secretariat N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed. • Completed.