Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the Council to establish the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of 10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987, 45/138 of 14 December 1990, 48/115 of 20 December 1993, 49/171 of 23 December 1994, 50/228 of 7 June 1996, 51/72 of 12 December 1996, 54/143 of 17 December 1999, 55/72 of 4 December 2000, 56/133 of 19 December 2001 and 57/185 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee:

(a) Took note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;¹

(b) Recommended that the General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from sixty-four to sixty-five States.