



JOINT COMMUNIQUE

The Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) met in Geneva in the margins of the 62nd Session of the Executive Committee to discuss progress on comprehensive solutions for Rwandan refugees.

UNHCR and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda remain fully committed to the process, and agreed that a meeting of all relevant States and other actors will be organized in December this year with a view to achieving increased voluntary repatriation and securing greater opportunities for local integration or alternative legal status for Rwandan refugees in countries of asylum.

The cessation of refugee status is one of the components of this strategy and in this regard, UNHCR will recommend to States that they invoke cessation by 31 December 2011 effective on 30 June 2012 so as to make further progress on solutions and to manage the implementation of cessation in an effective and protection-sensitive manner. The scope and modalities of implementation of the cessation declaration will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Geneva, 07 October 2011.