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HIGH COMMISSIONER TO VISIT ROLE

Geneva: Mr. Felix Schnyder, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, is leaving Geneva for Rome on Monday, 10 September, to meet high officials of the Italian Government and also of the Holy See. He will inform them of the present refugee situation in Europe and will outline the support that is still needed from the international community to complete successfully the major aid programmes of his Office aimed at solving residual refugee problems in Europe.

The significance of this visit will be highlighted by the movement, shortly afterwards, of a group of 140 refugees of whom a considerable number have spent years in camps unable to emigrate because of physical handicaps. They will be moving to Belgium under a special scheme undertaken by the Entraide Socialiste Belge with the financial support of UNHCR. The Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) is arranging transportation from Latina to Liège in Belgium on 15 September.

This important resettlement movement forms part of the general effort of the High Commissioner's Office to find solutions for refugees who still at this time have not been able to re-establish themselves.

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