

REFUGEE HEAD TO VISIT SCANDINAVIA

GENEVA, SEPT 4 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY) - PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, WILL LEAVE GENEVA ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, FOR AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO THE NORDIC COUNTRIES AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

IN EACH COUNTRY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE HEAD OF STATE AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH REFUGEE PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENT, AN HCR SPOKESMAN SAID.

THANT TO GO TO NORTH AFRICA

P8 UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 4 (RFE SPECIAL/ENDRST) - SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT WILL ATTEND THE OPENING SESSION IN ALGIERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY NEXT WEEK, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE WEDNESDAY.

U THANT IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEWYORK NEXT MONDAY FOR LIBYA, BEFORE GOING TO ALGIERS.

ON HIS WAY BACK, HE IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS IN PARIS A CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

HIS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING TO PRAGUE DURING HIS EUROPEAN TRIP.

WHILE IN PARIS, U THANT MIGHT INQUIRE INTO THE STATUS OF THE WASHINGTON-HANOI TALKS ON VIETNAM, BUT HIS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NOTHING AS YET WAS PLANNED.

U THANT IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 16.

RED CROSS CONFERENCE OPENS

GENEVA, SEPT. 4 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY) -- THE 87 TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES OPENED TODAY AT LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA.

DURING THE FOUR-DAY SESSION ENDING SEPT. 7 THE 27- MEMBER COMMITTEE WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY JOSE BARROSO, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE LEAGUE. IT WILL MAKE IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS AFFECTING THE NEXT YEAR OF ACTIVITY OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF RED CROSS, RED CRESCENT AND RED LION AND SUN SOCIETIES.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS EVERY TWO YEARS, IN BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER ALL THE LEAGUES 110 MEMBER SOCIETIES.

OAU MINISTERS PREPARING SUMMIT

ALGIERS, SEPT 4, REUTER -- THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITYS MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OPENED ITS 11TH FORMAL SESSION TODAY TO PAVE THE WAY FOR AN AFRICAN SUMMIT HERE ON SEPTEMBER 13.

THE OPENING OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL WAS DELAYED FOR TWO HOURS TO ALLOW DELEGATES WHO FLEW IN LATE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.