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Addendum to

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This document should be read in conjunction with document MC/2051 - Use of Additional Assessed Contributions from new Member States in 2001 - which was discussed at the informal consultations with Member States held on 23 October 2001.

2. During those informal consultations, the Administration recalled certain basic principles relating to the use of additional assessed contributions and the possible implications on the Programme and Budget for 2002.

3. Those principles are: (a) any additional assessed contributions from new Member States or surpluses in the Administrative Part of the Budget are at the disposal of the Member States and the destination of surpluses is of the exclusive competence of Member States; (b) the Administrative Part of the Budget for 2002 should be based on zero nominal growth as decided by the Council; and (c) the distinction between the Administrative and Operational Parts of the Budget should be maintained.

4. The unique and exceptional nature of the additional assessed contributions in 2001 was recalled and most delegates felt that these funds should be used to strengthen the Organization's core structure while ensuring that the expenditure is non-recurrent and does not have an impact on the 2003 budget level.

5. It is further recalled that in document MC/2051, the Administration had proposed that the additional assessed contributions be utilized for the following:

Strengthening MRF capacity in project development	CHF 400,000
Shift of certain functions from Headquarters to the Field	CHF 300,000
Terminal Emoluments	CHF 175,000
Information Technology	CHF 125,000

6. Details on each of the above areas are included in document MC/2051, paragraphs 11-23.

7. The Administration is hereby providing additional options on the use of additional assessed contributions, following suggestions and requests made by Member States during those informal consultations.

II. OPTION 1

8. **Summary:** It is proposed that the item "Terminal Emoluments" be removed and replaced by the addition of one more staff position to strengthen project development capacity in the Caribbean and Central American regions and that the balance be added to the items relating to

“Shift of certain functions from Headquarters to the Field” and “Information Technology”. Details of this option are provided in paragraphs 9 to 14 below.

9. The item “Terminal Emoluments” should be removed as, in the view of several Member States, the use of additional assessed contributions for this item did not represent a strengthening of the Organization. As a result, an amount of CHF 175,000 needs to be reallocated.

10. From that amount, it is proposed to utilize CHF 100,000 for a staff position for one year to enhance and strengthen the project development capacity of the Caribbean and Central American regions.

11. A brief background on the need for strengthening project development capacity in the Caribbean and Central America follows hereafter. Successful migration management is an economic, political and social challenge in these regions. Globalization, the brain drain, the impact of remittances and the trafficking of human beings have all exacerbated the impact of this phenomenon. A significant increase in movement is now occurring between these regions and North America, and governments have recognized the need to enhance their own capacity to cope with the situation. Over the past year, IOM has worked closely with governments in these regions to prioritize migration management concerns, seeking means to improve intraregional cooperation. The goal has been to strengthen common regional migration management while also addressing the States’ particular individual needs for technical cooperation. Specific areas which have been identified for project development are: labour migration and measures to counter the brain drain; combating irregular migration, in particular by enhancing data collection and exchange; countering migrant smuggling and trafficking; developing tools to address the growing challenges of HIV/AIDS when linked to migration; and addressing the human rights of migrants in these regions.

12. The Administration considers that project development capacity is a core function of the Organization, in line with Council Resolution No. 949 (LXXII) – Attribution of staff positions between the Administrative and Operational Parts of the Budget. According to this resolution, “the costs of staff serving at a post in a Member State who plan, organize, implement and monitor the activities of the Organization at the regional or sub-regional level, or in a functional capacity, and whose work is not directly related to the management or implementation of identifiable programmes or projects” are attributable to the Administrative Part of the Budget.

13. As for other regions, the cost of the staff position for the Caribbean and Central American regions will be CHF 100,000.

14. It is proposed that the balance of CHF 75,000 be used for the following:

- Add CHF 50,000 to the item “Software upgrade for remote access” in relation to “Shift of certain functions from Headquarters to the Field”. **With the addition of CHF 50,000, the revised amount for “Shift of certain functions from Headquarters to the Field” will be CHF 350,000.**
- Add CHF 25,000 to “Information Technology”, as described in paragraph 22 of document MC/2051. **With the addition of CHF 25,000, the revised amount for “Information Technology” will be CHF 150,000.**

III. OPTION 2

15. A number of Member States expressed concern regarding the utilization of additional assessed contributions for “Strengthening MRF capacity in project development” as they considered this to be an operational expenditure which should therefore be covered from the Operational Part of the Budget. This concern is addressed in paragraph 12 above.

16. In this regard, it was suggested that the additional assessed contributions proposed for strengthening the project development capacity of MRFs be utilized instead for certain core expenditure items in the Programme and Budget for 2002 (MC/2049) which are proposed to be covered from Discretionary Income. Explicit reference was made to chapter X - Staff and Services covered by Discretionary Income (paragraphs 349-355).

17. **Summary:** For this option, the Administration has identified certain core expenditure items that can be covered from additional assessed contributions. Should this option be adopted, the freed-up Discretionary Income for 2002 could be utilized for the “Strengthening of MRF capacity in project development”, as proposed in document MC/2051 and modified by Option 1 above. Details of this option are provided in paragraphs 18 to 23 below.

18. By not allocating any additional assessed contributions for the “Strengthening of MRF capacity in project development”, an amount of CHF 500,000 from the total additional assessed contributions would have to be reallocated.

19. In the Programme and Budget for 2002 (MC/2049), chapter X.3, paragraph 355, an amount of USD 216,000 (CHF 350,000) from Discretionary Income is allocated for Information Technology.

20. CHF 350,000 from the additional assessed contributions could be utilized to cover Information Technology expenditures as described in the Programme and Budget for 2002, chapter X.3, paragraph 355.

21. In the Programme and Budget for 2002 (MC/2049), chapter IX.5, paragraphs 335-340, an amount of USD 155,000 (CHF 250,000) from Discretionary Income is allocated for Publications.

22. The balance of CHF 150,000 (USD 92,500) of additional assessed contributions could be utilized to cover part of the expenditures for Publications, as described in the Programme and Budget for 2002, chapter IX.5, paragraphs 335-340.

23. Should the Member States decide to adopt Option 2, the freed-up Discretionary Income of USD 308,500 (CHF 500,000) would be allocated and utilized for “Strengthening MRF capacity in project development”, as proposed in document MC/2051 and modified by Option 1 above.

IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

24. The Administration considers that Option 1 is the preferred course of action and recommends that the additional assessed contributions from new Member States be utilized as proposed in document MC/2051 and modified by Option 1 in this document.