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(Adopted on 30 June 2016 by the Council at its First Special Session)

COST IMPLICATIONS OF A STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

The Council,

Bearing in mind its Resolution No. 1317 of 30 June 2016 approving the draft Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration contained in document C/Sp/1/9,

Bearing in mind also that in that Resolution it invited the Director General to notify the United Nations of its approval of the draft Agreement and to take the necessary steps, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to conclude, sign and implement the Agreement,

Noting that the Agreement provides for membership in a number of bodies established by the United Nations for facilitating cooperation and coordination, including the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the United Nations Development Group,

Affirming that the Organization should take an active role in these cooperation and coordination bodies, and therefore that a modest investment of resources will be needed to finance the Organization's active participation therein and ensure its ability to influence decision-making, thus strengthening its work globally,

Acknowledging that the additional costs, which relate to cost-sharing arrangements and staffing resource needs, will be a permanent addition to IOM's core costs and thus most appropriately funded through an increase in Member State assessed contributions,

Reaffirming the importance of the universal participation of Member States in financing the core structure,

Bearing in mind that IOM will retain its predominantly projectized budgetary model and decentralized organizational structure, committed to efficiency and cost-effectiveness,

Having considered the need to finance the additional costs of the improved relationship with the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the additional core funding needs will be met through an increase in the level of the Administrative Part of the Budget of 2,400,000 Swiss francs for the budget year 2017. This budget increase will fund the cost-sharing arrangements with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the United Nations Development Group, as well as one staff position both in New York and Geneva, and related office support costs, to ensure the Organization's active participation in the relevant cooperation and coordination bodies and its ability to influence decision-making, thus strengthening its work globally;

2. *Decides also* that the proposal for an additional staff position both in New York and Geneva will be considered during the normal annual budget process;

3. *Requests* the Director General to submit annual progress reports to the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance on the cost implications of the improved relationship with the United Nations and actively seek cost savings including through enhanced synergies and rationalization of activities, among others, with the United Nations. The reports should review the costs incurred and, to the extent possible, the related financial benefits and include comments and recommendations on whether any further budget adjustments would be needed for 2018 or beyond.
