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RESOLUTION No. 1233 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**ADMISSION OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
AS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Council,

Having received the request of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for admission as a Member of the Organization (MC/2356),

Having been informed that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines accepts the Constitution of the Organization, and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, in accordance with its internal constitutional processes and has undertaken to make a financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization,

Considering that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has demonstrated its interest in the principle of the free movement of persons as stated in Article 2 (b) of the Constitution,

Convinced that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines could give valuable assistance towards furthering the purposes of the Organization,

Resolves:

1. That Saint Vincent and the Grenadines be admitted as a Member of the International Organization for Migration, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 (b) of the Constitution, as from the date of the present resolution;
2. That its contribution to the Administrative Part of the Budget be determined at 0.0011 per cent thereof.

RESOLUTION No. 1234 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
AS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Council,

Having received the request of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for admission as a Member of the Organization (MC/2357),

Having been informed that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar accepts the Constitution of the Organization, and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, in accordance with its internal constitutional processes and has undertaken to make a financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization,

Considering that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has demonstrated its interest in the principle of the free movement of persons as stated in Article 2 (b) of the Constitution,

Convinced that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar could give valuable assistance towards furthering the purposes of the Organization,

Resolves:

1. That the Republic of the Union of Myanmar be admitted as a Member of the International Organization for Migration, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 (b) of the Constitution, as from the date of the present resolution;

2. That its contribution to the Administrative Part of the Budget be determined at 0.0065 per cent thereof.

RESOLUTION No. 1235 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 528th meeting on 30 November 2012)

**ADMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
AS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Council,

Having received the request of Papua New Guinea for admission as a Member of the Organization (MC/2359),

Having been informed that Papua New Guinea accepts the Constitution of the Organization, and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, in accordance with its internal constitutional processes and has undertaken to make a financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization,

Considering that Papua New Guinea has demonstrated its interest in the principle of the free movement of persons as stated in Article 2 (b) of the Constitution,

Convinced that Papua New Guinea could give valuable assistance towards furthering the purposes of the Organization,

Resolves:

1. That Papua New Guinea be admitted as a Member of the International Organization for Migration, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 (b) of the Constitution, as from the date of the present resolution;
2. That its contribution to the Administrative Part of the Budget be determined at 0.0022 per cent thereof.

RESOLUTION No. 1236 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

REPRESENTATION OF THE AFRICAN AND BLACK DIASPORA GLOBAL NETWORK ON HIV AND AIDS (ABDGN) AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council,

Having received the request of the African and Black Diaspora Global Network on HIV and AIDS (ABDGN) for representation by an observer (MC/2350),

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution,

Resolves to invite the African and Black Diaspora Global Network on HIV and AIDS (ABDGN) to designate observers to its meetings.

RESOLUTION No. 1237 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**REPRESENTATION OF WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL
AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council,

Having received the request of World Vision International for representation by an observer (MC/2351),

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution,

Resolves to invite World Vision International to designate observers to its meetings.

RESOLUTION No. 1238 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**REPRESENTATION OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)
AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council,

Having received the request of the World Food Programme (WFP) for representation by an observer (MC/2352),

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution,

Resolves to invite the World Food Programme (WFP) to designate observers to its meetings.

RESOLUTION No. 1239 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

REPORT ON THE 100TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

The Council,

Having received and reviewed the draft report on the 100th Session of the Council (MC/2342),

Resolves to approve the report.

RESOLUTION No. 1240 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**REPORT ON THE 109TH SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Council,

Recalling that pursuant to Resolution No. 1232 (C) of 5 December 2011 the Executive Committee was authorized to take, at its session in July 2012, such action as might be deemed necessary as provided for in Article 12 (c) and (e) of the Constitution,

Mindful of the request by the Council in approving the 2010 Programme and Budget - Resolution No. 1187 (XCVIII) of 25 November 2009 - for the Director General to resume consultations with Member States with a view to finding solutions to address funding of the core structure,

Having received and reviewed the report on the 109th Session of the Executive Committee (MC/2347),

Resolves:

1. To take note, with appreciation, of the report of the Executive Committee (MC/2347);
2. To approve Resolution No. 134 (CIX) of 3 July 2012 on budget processes and mechanisms;
3. To approve the decision of the Executive Committee regarding changes to the Review of the Discretionary Income Projection and Reserve Mechanism (MC/EX/721).

RESOLUTION No. 1241 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Council,

Recalling its Resolution No. 1188 (XCVIII) of 26 November 2009 concerning the Appointment of External Auditors,

Having taken into account the comments and recommendations of the Executive Committee (MC/EX/722 and MC/2347),

Resolves that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India be hereby reappointed External Auditors to the Organization for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

RESOLUTION No. 1242 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 522nd meeting on 27 November 2012)

PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2013

The Council,

Having received and examined the Programme and Budget for 2013 (MC/2349),

Having taken into account the comments and recommendations of the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance (MC/2354),

Conscious of the core budgetary needs for the administration of the Organization,

Recognizing the funding constraints of Member States as a result of the global economic crisis,

Mindful of the ongoing discussions on budget reform in IOM by the Member States in consultation with the Administration, with a view to finding solutions to address, *inter alia*, the coverage of the core structure,

Resolves:

1. To approve the Programme for 2013;
2. To adopt the Budget for 2013 in the amounts of 39,398,792 Swiss francs for the Administrative Part and 642,722,000 United States dollars for the Operational Part of the Budget;
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of operative paragraph 2, to authorize the Director General, within the limits of available income, to incur obligations and make expenditures arising from any increase in activities in the Operational Part of the Budget;
4. To request the Director General to report to the Executive Committee at its next session in 2013 any necessary revision of the estimates contained in the Budget for 2013 taking into account any additional measures that may be necessary in order to achieve a balanced budget by the end of 2013;
5. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its spring session in 2013, to adopt a scale of assessment for the year 2014, on the basis of an IOM assessment scale fully equated to that of the United Nations, as set forth in document SCPF/4 and updated with the addition of new Member State(s);

6. To reaffirm the principle of universal participation in the financing of the operational programmes and to appeal to Member States and other interested States to increase their overall contributions and provide the funds required to enable the Director General to carry out in full all the operational programmes for 2013;

7. To request the Working Group on Budget Reform established by the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance to continue its work with a view to finding solutions to the core budgetary needs of the Organization.

RESOLUTION No. 1243 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

IOM MIGRATION CRISIS OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Council,

Considering IOM's Constitution and in particular Articles 1.1(a) and (b) regarding IOM's purpose and function to make arrangements for the organized transfer of migrants and to concern itself with the organized transfer of refugees, displaced persons and other individuals in need of international migration services,

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations" (A/RES/46/182 and A/RES/60/124),

Reaffirming the principles of neutrality, humanity, impartiality and independence in the provision of humanitarian assistance, and reaffirming the need for all actors engaged in the provision of humanitarian assistance to promote and fully respect these principles,

Confirming the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and that humanitarian assistance should be provided with the consent of States involved,

Reaffirming that States bear the primary responsibility to protect and assist crisis-affected persons residing on their territory in accordance with national law and in conformity with international humanitarian and human rights law,

Considering also the IOM Strategy (Council Resolution No. 1150) and in particular Activity 1 "to provide secure, reliable, flexible and cost-effective services for persons who require international migration assistance", and Activity 9 "to participate in coordinated humanitarian responses in the context of inter-agency arrangements in this field and to provide migration services in other emergency or post-crisis situations as appropriate and as relates to the needs of individuals, thereby contributing to their protection",

Recalling IOM policy on the human rights of migrants (MC/INF/259), "The human rights of migrants – IOM policy and activities" (MC/INF/298), and "Protection of persons involved in migration: Note on IOM's role" (IC/2007/3),

Recalling also the consideration by the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance of IOM's emergency response capacity (SCPF/29), IOM's assistance to stranded migrants (SCPF/45/Rev.1), IOM's role in the humanitarian response to displacement induced by natural disasters (SCPF/71), the institutional and operational responses to migration consequences of complex crises (SCPF/80/Rev.1), and its role in assisting and protecting migrants caught in crisis situations (SCPF/87),

Recalling further the establishment of a Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (Council Resolution No. 1229) in order to enable IOM to respond rapidly in assisting affected migrants during the acute emergency phase of a humanitarian crises,

Recalling also that the theme “Managing migration crisis situations” was selected by IOM’s Member States for the International Dialogue on Migration 2012 (IDM) and the discussions and conclusions of the IDM’s workshops with sub-themes “Moving to safety: Migration consequences of complex crises” (24 and 25 April 2012), “Protecting migrants during times of crisis: Immediate responses and sustainable strategies” (13 and 14 September 2012) and “Migrants in Times of Crisis: an Emerging Protection Challenge” (9 October 2012),

Aware of the 2005 United Nations Humanitarian Response Review,

Aware further of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Principals Reform Agenda 2011-2012,

Recognizing that, in a world shaped by migration, the human mobility dimension of humanitarian crises is becoming increasingly relevant and requires more comprehensive solutions,

Recognizing also that the concept of “migration crisis” serves to capture the complex human mobility consequences of crises,

Mindful of the vulnerability of international migrants in times of crisis, and the need to respond rapidly with immediate life-saving assistance and evacuation,

Mindful also of the need to consider human mobility in crisis preparedness and to address the medium- to long-term consequences of migration crises for individuals and States,

Recognizing IOM’s role and experience as a humanitarian actor and its comparative advantage in addressing the migration dimensions of crises based on its migration management mandate and expertise,

Reaffirming the importance of IOM’s partnerships with other humanitarian actors and the continued complementarity of IOM’s activities to their mandates, IOM’s on-going commitment and support to existing legal and institutional frameworks; IOM’s role and responsibility within the Inter-Agency Standing Committee as the cluster lead for Camp Coordination and Camp Management in natural disasters, and the complementarity of IOM’s migration management expertise and established humanitarian mechanisms,

Hereby:

1. Thanks the Director General for this initiative;
2. Welcomes IOM’s Migration Crisis Operational Framework;
3. Requests the Director General to apply the Migration Crisis Operational Framework in implementing IOM’s activities on the basis of the existing funding mechanisms of IOM in cooperation with its partners;

4. Further requests the Director General to report to the IOM Council on a regular basis on the application of the Migration Crisis Operational Framework;
5. Encourages Member States to utilize the Migration Crisis Operational Framework to enhance their own preparedness and response capacity to migration crises, with support from IOM.

RESOLUTION No. 1244 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**IOM AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2013**

The Council,

Taking note of the invitation extended to United Nations Member States in General Assembly resolution 65/170 of 17 March 2011 to contribute to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in 2013 through appropriate regional consultative processes and, as appropriate, major initiatives in the field of international migration,

Taking further note of the invitation of the General Assembly to the Regional Commissions, in collaboration with other relevant entities of the United Nations system as well as the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to organize discussions to examine regional aspects of international migration and development and to provide inputs, in accordance with their respective mandates and within existing resources, to the report of the Secretary-General on this item and to the preparatory process of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in 2013,

Bearing in mind the report of the 100th Session of the Council (MC/2342) which, among others, called on IOM to engage actively in the debate leading up to the High-level Dialogue in 2013,

Reaffirming the request of the Council to the Director General to ensure that IOM is fully engaged and participates in the preparations and proceedings of the High-level Dialogue in 2013 and shares its rich experience and expertise, drawing on its unique strengths,

Recalling the essential role of IOM in the founding of the Geneva Migration Group, which served as the basis for the creation of the Global Migration Group as an expanded inter-agency coordination mechanism,

Aware of the significant substantive and administrative support that IOM has provided to the Global Forum on Migration and Development since its inception,

Bearing in mind the unparalleled scope of the IOM migration programme and project portfolio, and its existing mandate under the IOM Constitution Article 1(1)(e) to “provide a forum to States as well as international and other organizations for the exchange of views and experiences, and the promotion of co-operation and co-ordination of efforts on international migration issues...”,

Recognizing the continued value of the IOM International Dialogue on Migration in advancing policy dialogue and cooperation among IOM Member States, observers and other stakeholders, as is prescribed in the provisions of objective 7 of the IOM Strategy,

Noting the interdependence of migration and development and the fact that well-managed and safe migration meaningfully contributes to the development of migrants' countries of origin, transit and destination and to that of individual migrants and their families,

Recognizing IOM's commitment to the principle of partnership and cooperation as the most effective means of addressing opportunities and challenges posed by migration to development,

Resolves to:

1. *Request* the Director General to keep Member States fully informed of preparations for the High-level Dialogue in 2013 in order to assist them in preparing for this event;
2. *Further request* the Director General to ensure that IOM's engagement in the preparatory activities and proceedings of the High-level Dialogue in 2013 creates sustained attention of the international community to the perspectives of migrants themselves;
3. *Affirm* the support of the Member States of IOM for the recognition of IOM's current and future role as the global lead agency on migration, as well as its extensive knowledge, expertise and experience, in all aspects of the High-level Dialogue in 2013;
4. *Encourage* Member States to reflect this resolution and the joint positions contained herein in their national positions and contributions for the High-level Dialogue in 2013;
5. *Request* the Chairperson of the IOM Council to forward this resolution to the President of the General Assembly with a view towards ensuring that the work of IOM is drawn upon and appropriately reflected in all aspects of the High-level Dialogue in 2013.

RESOLUTION No. 1245 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

CONVENING OF THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION

The Council,

Bearing in mind Articles 6, 9 and 12 of the Constitution,

Resolves to hold its next regular session in November 2013 in Geneva, at the call of the Director General;

Requests the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance to meet in May and November 2013 for the proper discharge of its functions;

Invites the Executive Committee to meet during the month of June 2013 for the purpose of taking, on behalf of the Council, such action as may be deemed necessary as provided for in Article 12 (c) and (e) of the Constitution, in particular in connection with the Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2012, the Report of the Director General on the work of the Organization for 2012, a revision of the Budget for 2013, the scale of assessment for 2014 as well as related matters.

RESOLUTION No. 1246 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

The Council,

Taking into consideration the provisions of Article 18 of the Constitution,

Considering that, in accordance with Resolution No. 1167 (XCV) of 18 June 2008, the term of office of the present Director General began on 1 October 2008 for a period of five years,

Resolves to meet in a special session in June 2013 at the call of its chairperson, in order to proceed with the election of a Director General.