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The Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to inform it of the intention of Togo to present its candidacy for membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Togo is a party to several treaties, conventions and protocols relating to refugees and stateless persons, including the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees; the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons; and the 1969 Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa.

In addition, Togo is by nature a host country that receives refugees from member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Central Africa, to whom it provides physical and legal protection.

On 8 June 2005, Togo established the Office of the High Commissioner for Returnees and Humanitarian Action, which cooperates with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees towards repatriation, protection and reintegration of Togolese refugees abroad.

Togo is thus prepared to cooperate fully with all the members of the Executive Committee with a view to finding constructive responses to the various challenges faced by the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Government therefore hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give favourable consideration to its candidacy.

The Permanent Mission of Togo takes this opportunity to present to the Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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