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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mali to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to present the candidacy of Mali for membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mali has decided on that course of action because it has for some years shown a particular interest in issues involving refugees and internally displaced persons. The multidimensional crisis that began in January 2012 has led to massive population displacement within and beyond Mali. As part of its cooperation with humanitarian stakeholders, the Government of Mali has continued to work to find sustainable solutions to the issue of refugees in Africa and around the world, particularly by implementing the following instruments:

The Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951;

The Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 31 January 1967;

The Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa of 10 September 1969;

The Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 September 1954.

In response to the humanitarian situation and to population displacement, Mali has continued to carry out important activities involving assistance, protection and the search for sustainable solutions at the national, bilateral and multilateral levels. In close cooperation with stakeholders, especially the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, it has taken action to combat statelessness.

By becoming a member of the Executive Committee, Mali would be in a position to formalize and further strengthen its cooperation with the United Nations in general and the Office in particular with a view to tackling the issue of refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees.

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the Secretary-General could inform the Economic and Social Council that Mali has submitted its candidacy for membership of the Executive Committee and hopes that its request will be given favourable consideration.

