

PRESS STATEMENT N°004**«Relating to the voluntary return of Togolese migrants from Libya »**

On the evening of October 22, 2024, 131 Togolese migrants in distress in Libya, including 88 adults, 28 children and 15 babies, returned to Togo following an operation led by the Togolese government and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The International Council for Immigration, Entrepreneurship and Employment (CIIEE International) welcomes the repatriation of these compatriots who have experienced the horrors of risky and illegal immigration. This humanitarian gesture demonstrates Togo's commitment to protecting its citizens wherever they are and responding to humanitarian emergencies.

These migrants, often faced with precarious and dangerous living conditions, now have the opportunity to return to their native land and their families. Their return is an opportunity to share experiences and raise awareness about the dangers of irregular migration.

We encourage the Togolese population to show solidarity with these migrants who have returned to the country. Their experience must be heard, and we must work together to provide them with opportunities for reintegration and development to prevent them from recidivism

CIIEE International also encourages the Togolese authorities to continue working to improve the living conditions of vulnerable populations and the creation of entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for young people.

The International Council for Immigration, Entrepreneurship and Employment (CIIEE International) thanks the Head of State and Togo's international partners who supported this initiative and reaffirms its desire to collaborate with all stakeholders for a policy migration that is fair and respectful of human rights.

CIIEE International is available to support all those concerned in the process of social reintegration through entrepreneurship training.

Done in Lomé on October 28, 2024
For CIIEE International,
The President,



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