Dear Sir or Madam,

You are now at the Office Français de l’Immigration et de l’Intégration (OFII - French Office for Immigration and Integration) in order to sign your Contrat d’Intégration Républicaine (CIR - Republican Integration Contract).

This means you are saying that you wish to settle in France - your host country – on a long-term basis, and to engage in a personalised integration process.

Although you have rights under this contract, you also have to abide by rules and meet to certain obligations.

➔ Engaging in the personalised Republican integration process

The aim of the personalised interview held today is to assess your needs and offer you training and guidance depending upon your own personal circumstances.

• Civic training
The process begins with a compulsory two-day civic training course.

• Language training
If your standard of French is below Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL) level A1, you will have to go on a language training course in order to move towards this standard. This will give you the French language skills you will need to communicate in everyday life.

➔ Information
You can also get information about both your rights and the public services to which you may gain access (schools, hospitals, social security, etc.)

➔ Abiding by the CIR is one of the conditions under which your long-term residence permit is issued.

By signing the CIR, you undertake to follow civic and language-training courses you may be ordered to take diligently and seriously.

You must also adhere to the essential values of French society and the Republic.

If you abide by these conditions, you can be issued with a long-term residence permit.

➔ The next steps in the process and the issuing of the resident’s card

You can continue with your personalised Republic integration process by learning more about the French language.

If you wish to obtain a resident’s card, you will need to have achieved CEFRL language level A2.

You must also effectively adhere to the principles which govern the French Republic.

If you thus adhere to the conditions for Republican integration, a resident’s card may be issued to you.

Article 1 of the French Constitution of 4th October 1958:
“France is an indivisible, secular democratic and social Republic. It ensures the equality of all citizens before the law, without distinction of origin, race or religion. It respects all beliefs. It is organised on a decentralised basis. The law promotes the equal access by women and men to elective offices and posts as well as to professional and social positions”.
The Republican integration contract

The Republican integration contract, as set out in article L. 311-9 of the Code Governing the Entry and Residence of Aliens and the Right of Asylum, is concluded between yourself and the French State, represented by the Prefect. It is based upon various reciprocal undertakings.

I. The undertakings given by the State
The State organises a reception system in order to foster your integration. It comprises the following services:
• a personalised interview with an OFII officer in order to allow an assessment of your needs and to offer you training and guidance, depending upon your own personal circumstances.
• a civic training course made up of two modules:
  • The principles and values of the French Republic;
  • Living and gaining access to employment in France
• a language test carried out at the OFII in order to determine your level in French language;
• If necessary, a language training course the needs and length of which are defined with reference to CEFRL language level A1.

II. Your own obligations
You hereby undertake to:
• adhere to the essential values of French society and the Republic;
• take part diligently and seriously in both of the modules of the civic training course and the language training course;
• to complete any formalities you may be ordered to carry out at the interview at the OFII;
• to notify the OFII by post of any change of circumstances.

III. The term of the contract
The CIR is concluded for a period of one year. In exceptional circumstances it may be extended by the Prefect, on legitimate grounds, although this is limited to one additional year.
The Prefect may also terminate the CIR on a proposal by the OFII if you fail to meet the conditions for being diligent and serious and if you have shown that you reject the essential values of French society and the Republic.

At the end of the interview which is conducted today, you are ordered to take the following training courses:
• Civic training course on the “principles and values of the French Republic”
  X Compulsory
• Civic training course on “Living and gaining access to employment in France”
  X Compulsory
• Language training
  □ Level A1 achieved (exempt from language training)
  □ Level A1 not reached (you are required to take hours of language training)
In addition to this, you are referred to the following range of services:

The CIR is the first stage in your process of integrating into France. You must adhere to its rights and obligations. It guarantees successful integration into your host country.

Law no. 78-17 dated 6th January 1978 on computers, files and freedoms (the French equivalent of the Data Protection Act) applies to this contract. It guarantees a right to access and rectify any personal data held by the Office Français de l’Immigration et de l’Intégration (French Office for Immigration and Integration).