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APPLICATION BY THE REFUGEE STUDIES CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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1. In a letter dated 5 November 2015, the Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, made a formal application for his Organization to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General replied to this letter on 12 November 2015. Both documents are available upon request. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda of the 106th Session of the Council.
2. This matter falls under rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council which provides that the Council may invite, upon their application, international non-governmental organizations concerned with migration, refugees or human resources to be represented at its meetings.
3. The aims and purposes of the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, a non-governmental organization based in the United Kingdom, are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the IOM Constitution and its activities are relevant to migration, migrants, diasporas, refugees, displacement and human resources. The scope of its work extends in great part beyond its national boundaries. The Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford does not have consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), but the Director General is of the view that its observership at the Council will strengthen cooperation and be in the interests of IOM.
4. A draft resolution concerning this application is submitted separately to the Council for its consideration.