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1. In a letter dated 4 November 2016, SOS Children's Villages International made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General replied to this letter on 17 November 2016. Both documents are available upon request. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda of the 107th 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 SOS Children's Villages International, a non-governmental organization based in Austria, 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. SOS Children's Villages International has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.
4. A draft resolution concerning this application is submitted separately to the Council for its consideration.