

COUNCIL

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1. In a letter dated 12 February 2016, the Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) made a formal application for FICCI to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General replied to this letter on 4 April 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, non-governmental organizations, to be represented at its meetings.
3. The aims and purposes of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, a non-governmental organization based in India, 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 Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry 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.