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STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION (EPLO) TO THE
107th SESSION OF THE IOM COUNCIL FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Remarks by Dr. George Papadatos, Head of Delegation and Permanent Observer of the
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Chairperson of the Council, Director General, ~~Ministers~~ Representatives of Member States,
Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Firstly, allow me to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you Ambassador
Swing and to the Council of the International Organization for Migration for having received
and positively considered our application for Observership Status in ~~the International
Organization for Migration~~. On behalf of the European Public Law Organization in Athens,
the Staff of EPLO and on my own behalf I'm honored and pleased with the outcome and I
thank you for this.

EPLO, as an International Organization is already an observer at ILO and WIPO and is
keen to also seek and foster closer ties with the IOM. While conserving, sustaining and
possibly strengthening our collaboration and partnership in the future with IOM, we look at
the status of our Observership in IOM as an opportunity to also contribute to policy level
discussions in Greece for the purpose of enriching our organization and broadening its
scope in the Mediterranean and particularly in Greece, where EPLO Headquarter is located
in Athens. We are confronted by unprecedented tragedies and consequent concerns over
the protection and treatment of people at sea and beyond on land.

We take this wonderful opportunity to advocate for all appropriate measures to be
undertaken by all concerned to protect people at sea and reduce human sufferings and
deaths.

Finally, given the strong and growing presence of IOM in crises countries and danger
zones worldwide and with our newly gained Observer status in the IOM, EPLO looks
forward to strengthening its strategic partnership with IOM and take it to higher levels in the
years ahead.

In conclusion to you Ambassador Swing and all present here, the European Public Law
Organization is truly honored today to take our place as Observers at this 107th Session of
the IOM Council and we look forward to continuing our participation in future IOM Council
Sessions and works in the years ahead.

I thank you all