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1. In a letter dated 29 March 2011, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Chair of the NGO Committee on Migration made a formal application for her Committee to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 6 June 2011, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Hundredth Session of the Council.
2. This matter falls under rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure for the Council which provides that the Council may admit, upon their application, international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, concerned with migration, refugees or human resources as observers at its meetings.
3. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 29 MARCH 2011 FROM THE CHAIR OF THE
NGO COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

On behalf of the NGO Committee on Migration, I respectfully request admission of our Committee to observer status with the International Organization for Migration, in order to establish a closer working relationship with your organization.

The NGO Committee on Migration, an outgrowth of the NGO Subcommittee on Human Rights, was established as a full fledged NGO Committee in 2006, in response to our contributions to the preparatory activities for the General Assembly's first High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development. The Committee is an umbrella organization for more than thirty NGOs, whose mission is to encourage the promotion and protection of migrants and their human rights, in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

In carrying out our mission, we have found IOM a trusted ally. We have participated regularly in IOM's seminars, briefings, and annual programs to commemorate International Migrants' Day. In December 2010, we officially partnered with IOM, UNFPA, and UNITAR in commemorating the 20th anniversary of the UN International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

We look forward to an even closer relationship with IOM in the days to come, on preparations for the GFMD under the presidency of Switzerland, both for the regional meetings and in Geneva; the annual UNHCR NGO consultations; and wherever else migrants, refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, mixed populations and trafficking victims are in need of advocacy for protection and empowerment.

I shall appreciate, on behalf of the NGO Committee on Migration, your taking the necessary steps to submit our request for observer status, and a closer relationship, with IOM to the Council for its consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 2011 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE CHAIR OF THE NGO COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION**

Madam,

I would like to refer to your letter of 29 March 2011, conveying the desire of the NGO Committee on Migration to seek Observer status with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I have taken note of the Committee's commitment to migration issues, particularly in the area of migrant protection and human rights. I also note the increasing cooperation between the two organizations, particularly with IOM New York, as well as possible future collaboration in the field of humanitarian activities and other matters of mutual interest.

The necessary action will be taken for the inscription of your request on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2011. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and Observer States in the near future. You will receive a copy of this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

It gives me great pleasure to receive your request for Observer status. Allow me therefore to express my satisfaction at the prospect of furthering the relationship between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]