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**APPLICATION BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER**

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1. In a letter dated 7 December 2000, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland made a formal application for his country to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 14 December 2000, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda for the Council's Eighty-first (Special) Session.
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, non-member States as observers at its meetings.
3. If the Council so decides, the People's Republic of China will be included among the non-member States listed in paragraph 1 of Resolution No. 753 (LVIII).
4. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN
GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SWITZERLAND
ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

Upon the instructions of the Government of the People's Republic of China, I have the honour to inform you that the Chinese Government wishes to establish a close relationship with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and is desirous to take part, as an observer, in the work of the International Organization for Migration.

I would be grateful if you could kindly take the necessary steps to submit the Chinese Government's request to the Council of the International Organization for Migration for consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 2000 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SWITZERLAND

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 7 December 2000 informing me of the desire of the People's Republic of China to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In this regard, I shall take the necessary action for inscription of your Government's request on the agenda of the next session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva next year at a date which will be communicated to you shortly.

An appropriate document formally presenting the application of the People's Republic of China will be distributed to all Member States and observers in due course. I shall send you a copy of it, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

It gave me great pleasure to receive your Government's request for observer status. Allow me therefore to express our deep satisfaction at the prospect of a closer relationship developing between the Organization and your country.

[Complimentary ending]