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**APPLICATION BY THE  
SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE (SECI) –  
REGIONAL CENTER FOR COMBATING TRANSBORDER CRIME  
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER**

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(SECI) – REGIONAL CENTER FOR COMBATING TRANSBORDER CRIME  
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1. In a letter dated 12 November 2001, ref. SCS 6765, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Director of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) – Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime made a formal application for his organization to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 21 March 2002, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-third (Special) 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 or non-governmental, concerned with migration, refugees or human resources as observers at its meetings.
3. If the Council so decides, the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) – Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime will be included among the international non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 2 (c) 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 12 NOVEMBER 2001, REF. SCS 6765 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE (SECI) –  
REGIONAL CENTER FOR COMBATING TRANSBORDER CRIME  
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

The SECI Regional Center presents its salutes to the International Organization for Migration.

The Management of the SECI Regional Center received with great pleasure the information regarding the interest and availability of your institution to grant the SECI Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime with the status of IOM Observer during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the IOM Council scheduled to take place in Geneva during 27-29 of November 2001.

The SECI Center management considers extremely beneficial the cooperation developed between our institutions and, in view of strengthening our mutual commitment and bilateral relations, we would like to address you our interest in obtaining the status of IOM Observer.

We hope our proposal will enjoy particular interest from your part, as it is beneficial for both our institutions for the cooperation and promotion of our activities at international level. We are looking forward for your answer.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 21 MARCH 2002 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION  
TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE  
(SECI) – REGIONAL CENTER FOR COMBATING TRANSBORDER CRIME

Madam,

I refer to your letter of 12 November 2001 informing us that the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) – Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime is interested in being granted observer status in IOM.

IOM has cooperated with the Regional SECI Center since its inception and, on 21 May 2001, has concluded a cooperation agreement formalizing this collaboration and strengthening our common resolve to promote orderly migration.

As indicated in your letter, participation as an observer in IOM work will be mutually beneficial to both our organizations and I am confident that the growing cooperation developing between us will continue. The necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the next session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva on 6 June 2002.

An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member States and observers in the near future. You will receive a copy of it, 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 close relationship and collaboration between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]