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**APPLICATION BY
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1. In a letter dated 16 May 2002, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and international organizations in Geneva made a formal application for his country to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Administration's reply thereto, dated 17 May 2002, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda for the Council's Eighty-third (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 Islamic Republic of Mauritania 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 16 MAY 2002 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

Conscious of the growing role of the International Organization for Migration and taking into account the relationship existing over the past years between your Organization and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, my Government would like to give this relationship an institutional character.

In this respect, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania is desirous to take part, as an observer, in the work of the International Organization for Migration.

I would be grateful if you could consequently kindly take the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 17 MAY 2002 FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16 May 2002 informing us of the desire of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In this regard, we 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 on 5 June 2002.

An appropriate document formally presenting the application of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania 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 my deep satisfaction at the prospect of a closer relationship developing between IOM and your country.

[Complimentary ending]