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**APPLICATION BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER**

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1. In a letter dated 22 November 2002, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary-General of Amnesty International 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 25 November 2002, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda of the Eighty-fourth 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, Amnesty International will be included among the 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 22NOVEMBER 2002 FROM THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that Amnesty International desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration and I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration

Amnesty International is following with increased attention issues relating to migration, and we look forward to enhanced cooperation with the International Organization for Migration in order to strengthen the protection of the rights of migrants.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 2002 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Madam,

I refer to your letter of 22 November 2002 informing us that Amnesty International is interested in being granted observer status in IOM.

Given that the work of Amnesty International has been dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world, and it is now following with increased attention issues related to migration, I am confident that its participation as an observer in IOM will be mutually beneficial to both our organizations. 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 from 2 to 4 December 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]