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EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION

**APPLICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER**

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1. In a letter dated 20 November 2002, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Burundi 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 25 November 2002, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda for the Council's Eighty-fourth 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 Republic of Burundi 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 20 NOVEMBER 2002 FROM THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the relationship existing between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Government of my country wishes to establish a closer relationship with your Organization and has the honour to request the status of observer in the International Organization for Migration.

The Government of the Republic of Burundi hereby accepts, as an observer, the Constitution of the International Organization for Migration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 2002 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20 November 2002 informing us of the desire of the Republic of Burundi 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 from 2 to 4 December 2002.

An appropriate document formally presenting the application of the Republic of Burundi 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]