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**APPLICATION BY THE ORGANIZATION OF
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1. In a letter dated 14 November 2003, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Ambassador, Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations at Geneva, in the name of the OIC, made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 14 November 2003, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-sixth 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 and non-governmental, concerned with migration, refugees or human resources as observers at its meetings.
3. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 2003 FROM THE AMBASSADOR,
PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE
AT GENEVA TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

The relationship existing between the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) aims to promote and ensure good management of the migratory phenomenon throughout the world, in particular in those countries which are members of the OIC and IOM respectively.

In order to strengthen the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement concluded on 16 January 2003 in Jeddah between our two organizations, the OIC wishes to obtain observer status in IOM.

To this effect, I would appreciate your taking the necessary steps to place this application on the agenda of the IOM Council.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 2003 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AT GENEVA

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 November 2003, informing me of the wish of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to obtain observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

We greatly appreciate the growing cooperation between our two organizations, as attested by the signature of the Cooperation Agreement between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and IOM on 16 January 2003. The necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the Eighty-sixth Session of the IOM Council to be held in Geneva from 18 to 21 November 2003.

An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member States and observers. 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 a closer relationship developing between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]