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EIGHTY-NINTH (SPECIAL) SESSION

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1. In a letter dated 29 November 2004 (Ref. 2/17/779), of which a copy is enclosed as Annex I, the Secretary-General of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) has submitted, on behalf of his organization, an official application for observer status at the meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply of 30 March 2005 is attached as Annex II. The matter will be placed on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-ninth (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 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 29 NOVEMBER 2004 FROM
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF
SAHEL-SAHARAN STATES TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the relations existing between the Community of Sahel-Saharan States and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

The Community of Sahel-Saharan States wishes to establish closer ties with your organization and has the honour to request observer status at the meetings of the International Organization for Migration.

I would be grateful if you would take the steps necessary for my organization's request to be submitted to the Council for consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 30 MARCH 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF
SAHEL-SAHARAN STATES (CEN-SAD)**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29 November 2004, Ref. 2/17/779, informing me that the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) wishes to participate as observer in the meetings of the Council of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

Please be assured that the necessary steps will be taken for your request to be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming IOM Council session scheduled for June 2005 in Geneva.

An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be circulated to all Member States and observers in good time. I shall ensure that a copy is sent to you, together with the final details on matters of procedure for the Council session.

It was indeed a pleasure for me to receive this request. I should therefore like to convey to you my deep satisfaction at the prospect of the closer ties that will be possible between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]