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1. In a letter dated 14 December 2004 (Ref. 2/7/7/(Vol. 1)/04), of which a copy is enclosed as Annex I, the Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group) has submitted, on behalf of the ACP Council of Ministers, an official application for observer status at the meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply of 13 January 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 14 DECEMBER 2004 FROM  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC  
GROUP OF STATES (ACP GROUP)  
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that at its 80th session held in Brussels from 29 November to 2 December 2004, the ACP Council of Ministers decided to accord your organization observer status with the ACP Group (please see decision attached).

As observer status with the ACP Group is granted on a reciprocal basis pursuant to the relevant ACP texts, I would be grateful if you could indicate the steps to be taken for the ACP Secretariat to obtain the same status with IOM.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC  
GROUP OF STATES (ACP GROUP)**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 14 December 2004 (Ref. 2/7/7/ (Vol.1)/04) informing me of the decision taken by the ACP Council of Ministers to accord IOM observer status with the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

I am delighted at this decision, as it will make for enhanced cooperation between us in fields of common interest. I have noted that observer status is granted on a reciprocal basis, and you may rest assured that the appropriate arrangements will be made for your request to be placed on the agenda of the next regular session of our governing body, the Council, which is scheduled for November 2005. A special session could, however, take place in June 2005.

[Complimentary ending]