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1. In a letter dated 31 March 2005, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guyana made a formal application for his country to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply, dated 14 April 2005, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda for the Council's Eighty-ninth (Special) 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 Guyana 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 31 MARCH 2005 FROM THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA
ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Guyana is concerned with the issues relating to migrants, refugees and human resources and would therefore like to establish a closer relationship with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In this regards, my Government would like to associate itself in the meetings of the IOM as an observer.

I would be grateful if the request of the Government of Guyana for an observer status in the meetings of the IOM is considered favourably in terms of Article 8 of the Constitution of the IOM.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 31 March 2005, informing me of the desire of the Government of the Republic of Guyana to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In this regard, I shall take the necessary action for inscription of your Government's request on the agenda of the next special session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva on 9 June 2005.

A document formally presenting the application of the Republic of Guyana 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 our deep satisfaction at the prospect of a closer relationship developing between IOM and Guyana.

[Complimentary ending]