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1. In a letter dated 30 October 2006, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Executive Director of Qatar Charity made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 3 November 2006, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Ninety-second 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 30 OCTOBER 2006 FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF QATAR CHARITY TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

Allow me to refer with honour to the contacts established between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Qatar Charity. IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to Qatar Charity and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization by becoming an observer.

Qatar Charity's engagement in humanitarian activities is promising and we have high hopes that such activities can be implemented in coordination, cooperation and partnership with IOM to the extent our two organisation's mandates allow.

Further, I am pleased to inform you that Qatar Charity desires to play a more important role and wishes to participate in the work of IOM. I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this application for observer status to the Council for its consideration.

[Formal close]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 2006 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF QATAR CHARITY**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 30 October 2006, ref. 1/6500/6154, conveying the desire of the Qatar Charity to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The growing cooperation between the two organizations, as demonstrated in the recent signing of a cooperation agreement between Qatar Charity and IOM, augurs well for our future collaboration in the field of humanitarian activities and other matters of mutual interest.

Necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 28 November to 1 December 2006. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and observer States in the near future. 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 furthering the close relationship between our two organizations.

[Formal close]