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1. In a letter dated 13 March 2007, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain made a formal application for his country to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply, dated 23 March 2007, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda of the Ninety-third (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, non-member States as observers at its meetings.
3. If the Council so decides, the Kingdom of Bahrain 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 13 MARCH 2007 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the pleasure to refer to your recent visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and to the growing ties between Bahrain and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). I believe that both sides share the desire to further develop and strengthen these relations, and in this regard, my Government wishes to participate, as an Observer, in the work of the International Organization for Migration.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would take the necessary steps to submit my Government's request to the IOM Council for consideration.

[Formal close]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 23 MARCH 2007 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 March 2007 informing me of the desire of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain 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 session of the IOM Council to be held in Geneva, at a date to be communicated shortly.

An appropriate document formally presenting the application of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain 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 the Organization and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

[Formal close]