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1. In a letter dated 24 May 2007, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 25 May 2007, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on 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, 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 24 MAY 2007 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN GENERAL SECRETARIAT (SEGIB)  
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the contacts established between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB). IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to the SEGIB and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

At its formalization during the XV Summit of Ibero-American Heads of State and Government in Salamanca, Spain, SEGIB was directed, among other things, to assist with international migration issues. In carrying out its mandate, SEGIB organized, with the support of IOM, the Ibero-American Conference on International Migration and Development which took place in Madrid, in July 2006. The conference was widely attended by over 600 participants, consisting of government and international representatives, academia and migration experts, and general public, to discuss the current situation and future outlook of international migration. Without a doubt, IOM's contributions and valuable support were integral to the conference's success.

Recognizing the critical need to address issues of migration, the central theme of the XVI, held in November 2006, in Montevideo, Uruguay, was "Migration and Development". It was at this summit that the Heads of State and Government signed the Montevideo Commitment on Migration and Development which promised to strengthen Ibero-American cooperation on a wide range of migration and development issues. To help fulfil the Montevideo commitments, SEGIB will organize an Ibero-American Forum on Migration and Development in 2008 in Cuenca, Ecuador.

Additionally, SEGIB will conduct a study on migration and development as well as conduct a study on the social and economic impact of migration. The achievement of SEGIB's mandates will greatly depend on its collaboration with organizations, such as IOM, that are consistently at forefront of migration issues.

I am pleased to inform you that the SEGIB desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration and I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

[Formal close]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 25 MAY 2007 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
IBERO-AMERICAN GENERAL SECRETARIAT (SEGIB)**

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 24 May 2007 informing us that the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) is interested in being granted observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In this context, I also wish to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding between SEGIB and IOM of 27 March 2006 establishing the terms of collaboration between our two Organizations. It is therefore my belief that SEGIB's participation as an observer in IOM will be mutually beneficial. The necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the next session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva on the afternoon of 7 June 2007.

An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member States and observers 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 and collaboration between our two organizations.

[Formal close]