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APPLICATION BY WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER

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1. In a letter dated 26 July 2012, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the President and Chief Executive Officer of World Vision International made a formal application for his Organization to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 28 September 2012, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the 101st 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 26 JULY 2012 FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the contacts established between the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and World Vision International. IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to World Vision in the context of our work in nearly 100 countries around the world. We would like very much to establish closer relations with your Organisation.

It is my pleasure to attach, for your consideration, World Vision's Annual Review for FY11 and World Vision's 2010 Accountability Report. The FY11 Accountability Report will be available shortly. From these documents, I am sure you will agree that our aims and purposes are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the IOM Constitution. World Vision has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Our programmes are aligned, focusing particularly on the needs of children, working in support of long-term, sustainable development objectives where migration is an important issue, providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and advocating for respect for human rights. The granting of observer status would recognize recent, mutually beneficial, collaboration between our two organisations, for example:

- participation with IOM and UNHCR in efforts to fundraise for increased attention to the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by humanitarian workers (2011-12)
- collaboration on issues pertaining to 'children on the move', birth registration, trafficking, child protection, child/slave labor, gender based violence and the effects of increased vulnerability due to climate change
- a Partnership in Zimbabwe in 2008 in a consortium to seek DFID funding
- activities covered by a Memorandum of Agreement in Georgia in 2006
- agreements in Sri Lanka, Kenya, Kosovo, Myanmar, and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2005,

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 2012 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL**

Sir,

I would like to refer to your letter of 26 July 2012, conveying the desire of World Vision International to seek Observer status with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I have taken note of the commitment of World Vision to migration issues, particularly in the area of sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and human rights. I also note the increasing cooperation between IOM and World Vision, particularly the recent collaboration in activities related to the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse by humanitarian workers, and the activities that have been jointly undertaken in Afghanistan, Georgia, Kenya, Kosovo, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

The necessary action will be taken for the inscription of your request on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 27 to 30 November 2012. 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 this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

It is my view that there is great potential for future collaboration between IOM and World Vision in areas of mutual interest. Allow me therefore to express my satisfaction at the prospect of furthering the relationship between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]