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1. In a letter dated 18 September 2012, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) made a formal application for her Organization to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 12 October 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 18 SEPTEMBER 2012 FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Mr. Swing,

I have the honour to refer to the contacts established between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Geneva Office of the World Food Programme (WFP). Our partnership with IOM is longstanding and continues to grow, as we work together to assist migrants in 30 countries around the world. I know we both share the strong view that inter-agency collaboration is essential to better meet the needs of the populations we serve. For this reason, among my priorities is to take the necessary steps to establish an even closer relationship with your organization.

I am pleased to inform you that WFP desires to become an 'observer' to the IOM Council, thereby taking a more active part in the work of the International Organization for Migration. I would appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 2012 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**

Madam,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 18 September 2012 in which you convey the desire of the World Food Programme (WFP) to be granted observer status with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Indeed, the longstanding partnership between our two Organizations continues to grow in the field of migration and support to migrants in need. It is also my belief that inter-agency collaboration is essential to better serve the persons that require our support. With reference to the existing technical agreement of October 2009 establishing the framework for technical collaboration between our Organizations in respect of the Humanitarian Response Depot, I would like to suggest that we consider a further strengthening of our partnership by exploring the possibility of a broader cooperation agreement.

The necessary action will be taken for the inscription of your request on the agenda of the next session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 27 to 30 November 2012. A copy of the document formally submitting your request, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session will be forwarded to you in due course.

It gives me great pleasure to receive your request for observer status. Allow me therefore to express my deep satisfaction at the prospect of furthering the close relationship and collaboration between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]