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1. In a letter dated 25 April 2013, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Vice President, Global Strategies, of the International Medical Corps 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 7 May 2013, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the 103rd 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 25 APRIL 2013 FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL
STRATEGIES, OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Sir,

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

I am pleased to inform you that the International Medical Corps desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration by obtaining observer status to the meetings of the IOM Council and I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

International Medical Corps was established in 1984 to provide access to health care services to vulnerable populations in high conflict environments. International Medical Corps has a history of cooperation with IOM in the field including most recently, South Sudan and Iraq. International Medical Corps is committed to programming which facilitates the voluntary return and reintegration of refugees, displaced persons, migrants and other individuals in need of services in cooperation with relevant national and international organizations taking into consideration the needs of host communities and with the intent to ease the burden on local infrastructure. International Medical Corps operations in 27 countries worldwide and has long standing support programming for beneficiaries in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. International Medical Corps will continue to support the needs of vulnerable populations and focus on long-term solutions on return and/or reintegration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 7 MAY 2013 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL STRATEGIES, OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 25 April 2013 seeking observer status for the International Medical Corps in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Indeed, I can only note with appreciation the relationship between the International Medical Corps and IOM in the field of international migration law and other migration-related activities. It is therefore my belief that both our organizations could benefit from a further strengthening of this already close and cordial relationship.

It will be possible to take the necessary action to place your request before the IOM Council during its next regular session, to be held in Geneva from 26 to 29 November 2013. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and Observer States prior to the November 2013 Council session. You will receive a copy of this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

A formal invitation to attend the session, during which the International Medical Corps's application for Observer Status is presented to the Member States, will also be sent to you.

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 relationship between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]