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1. In a letter dated 13 August 2014, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) 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 19 September 2014, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the 105th 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 or 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 13 AUGUST 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION TO THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Director General Swing,

I have the pleasure to refer to the contacts established between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). IOM's programs and activities in promoting migrants' positive contributions in the area of science, technology and innovation are of great interest to WIPO and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

I am pleased to inform you that WIPO desires to take part in the work of the IOM as an observer and I should appreciate you taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ORGANIZATION**

Dear Mr. Director General,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter of 13 August 2014 seeking observer status for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I note with appreciation the work of WIPO in the area of research in international mobility and development, in particular, the 2011 project “Intellectual Property and Brain Drain” of WIPO’s Committee on Development and Intellectual Property and the contribution of your Organization to *International Migration and Development: Contributions and Recommendations of the International System*, a publication of the United Nations System Chief Executive Board for Coordination, coordinated by IOM and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). It is my belief that both our organizations could benefit from a further strengthening of this 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 25 to 28 November 2014. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and Observer States prior to the November 2014 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 World Intellectual Property Organization’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]