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1. In a letter dated 17 April 2014, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary General of INTERSOS 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 30 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 of 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 17 APRIL 2014 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
INTERSOS 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 INTERSOS. IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to the INTERSOS and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your organization.

I am pleased to inform you that the INTERSOS desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration by obtaining observer status in 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.

INTERSOS has collaborated with IOM in several countries and is currently in partnership in some of the main humanitarian crisis, including South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen and have actively contributed to the works of the mixed migration task force in the Gulf of Aden.

INTERSOS participates to the activities of the CCCM global cluster and enjoys a permanent liaison office to UNOG and other International Agencies in Geneva.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERSOS**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter of 17 April 2014 seeking observer status for INTERSOS in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I can only note with appreciation the relationship between INTERSOS and IOM in the area of humanitarian assistance to internally displaced populations, most recently in South Sudan. I also appreciate the contribution of INTERSOS in providing emergency relief and rebuilding efforts to communities that are victims of natural calamities and armed conflict in several countries. It is therefore 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 INTERSOS'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)