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1. In a letter dated 15 September 2014, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Director of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre 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 3 November 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 invite, upon their application, international organizations, governmental or non-governmental, to be represented at its meetings.
3. The aims and purposes of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the IOM Constitution and its activities are relevant to migration, migrants, diasporas, refugees and displacement. IDMC does not have consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, but the Director General is of the view that its observership at the Council will strengthen cooperation and be in the interests of IOM.
4. An appropriate draft resolution is submitted separately to the Council for its consideration.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE
INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT MONITORING CENTRE 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 Norwegian Refugee Council's (NRC) Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).

IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to IDMC, and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your organization.

In the past, IDMC has been collaborating on data sharing on issues of internal displacement, including analysis on trends, responses and solutions. We have benefited strongly on this data on current situations of internal displacement.

I am pleased to inform you that IDMC desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration as an observer and I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT MONITORING CENTRE**

Dear Mr. Director,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter of 15 September 2014 seeking observer status for the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I note with appreciation the work of IDMC in providing independent, global information and analysis on internal displacement caused by natural and man-made disasters, conflict, generalized violence and human rights violations, and IDMC's contribution of expertise and data to IOM-led projects on climate change and disaster risk reduction. Following the cooperation agreement between IDMC and IOM signed in July 2014, it is my belief that both our organizations could benefit from a further strengthening of this already close and cordial relationship because of our common interests and complementarity in relation to objectives towards promoting displacement and migration issues related to disasters and climate change, and strengthening the protection of and assistance to internally displaced people and those at risk of displacement.

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 Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre'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]