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1. In a letter dated 24 November 2014, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary-General of the Danish Refugee Council 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 24 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 and non-governmental, to be represented at its meetings.

3. The aims and purposes of the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) 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. DRC does not have consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), 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 will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2014 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF
THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Mr. Director General,

Thank you for your letter of November 20, 2014 regarding DRC's potential observer role to the IOM Council.

I highly appreciate your proactivity on this matter and cannot but reiterate our appreciation of the relationship with the International Organization of Migration (IOM).

Indeed in addition to our collaboration on resettlement and family reunification, we have had several successful collaborations at the field level as well as the global level. We recently had a very well received joint film presentation at the global CCCM retreat. The film among others highlights the close collaboration we have in South Sudan. Moreover we have been jointly working together on the Joint IDP Profiling Service for several years now. We also have welcomed your invitation to DRC to participate in IOM's annual consultations over the last two years where we enjoyed taking part in.

Mixed Migration is a key policy priority for DRC and highlighted in our strategy for the coming few years. Bringing the collaboration with IOM on this topic is very important for us. I would have the pleasure to bring our joint efforts to an institutional, strategic and predictable one. Hence we welcome your invitation for DRC to become an Observer Organization of the IOM Council and delightfully accept.

Mr Director General, I hereby submit a DRC request seeking Observer status at the IOM council to be considered in the regular IOM Council session of November 2014.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter of 24 November 2014 seeking observer status for the Danish Refugee Council in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I note with appreciation the relationship between the Danish Refugee Council and IOM in the field of migration, especially on our organizations' long-standing and successful cooperation on resettlement and family reunification. I also highly appreciate IOM's partnership with your organization in various projects in several countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, to name but a few, and our organizations' commitment as among the co-founders and Steering Committee members for the Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat. 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 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 Danish Refugee Council'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]