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1. In a letter dated 1 May 2014, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the President of The Hague Institute for Global Justice 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 14 July 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 1 MAY 2014 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE HAGUE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE TO THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Ambassador Swing,

I received with appreciation your letter of 9 April and am grateful for your kind words about the work of The Hague Institute for Global Justice and about our recent edition of Intersections magazine. It is heartening to receive such positive feedback as we strive to produce original research which is of use to policy-makers in the spheres of peace, security and justice. Indeed, in the coming weeks we will publish our latest policy brief on Migration and Global Justice, which I hope will be of interest to you and your colleagues.

I was also most grateful for your suggestion that The Hague Institute seek observer status at the IOM Council. The work of IOM is critical for The Hague Institute's Global Governance Program, where migration continues to be a key focus. It is therefore with pleasure that I accept your invitation and by this letter confirm The Hague Institute's desire to become an Observer at the IOM Council.

My colleagues and I look forward to receiving confirmation from your office with regard to this status, and trust that this new relationship will provide new opportunities for collaboration between The Hague Institute and IOM.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 14 JULY 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE HAGUE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 1 May 2014 seeking observer status for the The Hague Institute for Global Justice in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Indeed, I can only note with appreciation the relationship between The Hague Institute for Global Justice and IOM in the field of migration, especially The Hague Institute's work encouraging policy dialogue and research in this area under its Global Governance Program. I also highly appreciate the policy brief on Irregular Migration and Global Justice published by The Hague Institute in May 2014, which analyses the different aspects of irregular migration and presents four concrete policy recommendations to stakeholders on how to address the issue. 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 Hague Institute for Global Justice'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]