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APPLICATION BY *FOCSIV – VOLONTARI NEL MONDO*

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1. In a message dated 26 July 2010, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary General of *FOCSIV – Volontari nel mondo* 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 6 October 2010, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Ninety-ninth 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 and 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

**MESSAGE DATED 26 JULY 2010 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
FOCSIV – VOLONTARI NEL MONDO TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

As FOCSIV, we would like to ask the Observer Status to the International Organisation for Migration in order to have the chance to attend some IOM meetings/conferences and to strengthen the relationship between IOM and civil society organisations working on migration and development. We consider this possible work closer to the IOM very important to build up our lobbying and mobilisation activities.

As you probably know, FOCSIV – Volontari nel mondo is the biggest NGOs Federation in Italy, putting together 64 Catholic inspired organisations. Actually we are working in 5 continents, in around 80 countries, with more than 1000 international volunteers carrying on international cooperation programs in poor countries, lobbying activities, development education trainings. In the last few years we began to work on immigration, especially on the deep link between immigrants and development in order to get better the relation among immigrants, their original country and their destination country. Our main goal is to improve social inclusion, knowledge and perception of immigrants in Italy through a more comprehensive integration path. We strongly believe that facing this issue is an essential step in order to go on in our commitment against poverty, especially today that millions of people are leaving their original country because of hunger and consequences of climate changes.

In order to introduce FOCSIV commitment on migration and development, please find attached* a brief description of our last activities in this framework and I would like to let you know that we will attend the Global Forum on Migration and Development in November 2010 in Mexico.

[Complimentary ending]

* Not reproduced.

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 2010 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF *FOCSIV – VOLONTARI NEL MONDO***

Sir,

I would like to refer to your message of 26 July 2010, conveying the desire of *FOCSIV - Volontari nel Mondo* to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I have taken note of the Federation's commitment to migration issues, especially in the field of migration and development, the increasing cooperation between the two organizations, particularly with IOM Rome, as well as possible future collaboration in the field of humanitarian activities and other matters of mutual interest.

The necessary action will be taken for the inscription of your request on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 29 November to 2 December 2010. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and Observer States in the near future. You will receive a copy of this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

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]