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EIGHTY-NINTH (SPECIAL) SESSION

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1. In a letter dated 11 January 2005, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Clerk, Central Executive Committee of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply, dated 18 January 2005, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-ninth (Special) 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

**LETTER DATED 11 JANUARY 2005 FROM THE CLERK,
CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE
FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC) ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I refer to the contacts established between the Quaker United Nations Office of the Friends World Committee for Consultation and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). IOM's programs and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to the Quaker United Nations Office of FWCC, and we wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

Friends World Committee for Consultation is an international non-governmental organization with General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The Quaker United Nations Offices in Geneva and New York represent Friends World Committee for Consultation, the worldwide Quaker body, working to promote the peace and justice concerns of Quakers from around the world at the United Nations and other global institutions.

The Quaker UN Office in Geneva has worked on refugee issues throughout its existence (and in fact since its predecessor's establishment in the 1920s to work at the League of Nations). In the 1990s, it initiated the international attention to the issue of internally displaced persons and was actively involved in the creation of the mandate of the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Internally Displaced People, the compilation and analysis of existing standards, and the development of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. In the course of the work on IDPs, the Office has been involved in many meetings that also involved IOM.

I am pleased to inform you that the Friends World Committee for Consultation desires to take part in the work of the IOM, 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 18 JANUARY 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE CLERK, CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC)**

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 11 January 2005 informing us that the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) is interested in being granted observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I have taken note of the objectives of the FWCC of working to promote the peace and justice concerns of Quakers from around the world, as well as your interest in IOM's programmes and activities, particularly in the field of internally displaced persons. It is my belief that the FWCC's participation as an observer in IOM will be beneficial.

The necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the next session of the IOM Council, tentatively scheduled for June 2005. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member States and observers in the near future. You will receive a copy of it, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

It gives me great pleasure to receive your Committee's request for observer status and I look forward to the prospect of furthering the relationship and collaboration between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]