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**APPLICATION BY ISLAMIC RELIEF
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER**

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1. In a letter dated 31 October 2005, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the President of Islamic Relief made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 15 November 2005, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Ninetieth 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 31 OCTOBER 2005 FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC RELIEF TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the contacts established between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Islamic Relief. IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to Islamic Relief and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

Islamic Relief's activities in the fields of humanitarian assistance and poverty alleviation can be coordinated with the actions related to migration of IOM. Especially Islamic Relief would be ready to collaborate in establishing projects for community development, and providing humanitarian assistance to the persons affected by conflict situations and emergencies. Moreover, information and studies on matter of mutual interest may be exchanged between Islamic Relief and IOM.

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

[Formal close]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC RELIEF**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 31 October 2005 conveying the desire of Islamic Relief to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The growing cooperation between the two organizations, as demonstrated in the recent negotiations of a cooperation agreement between IOM and Islamic Relief, augurs well for our future collaboration in the field of humanitarian assistance and other matters of mutual interest.

Necessary action will be taken for 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 2005. 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 it, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

[Formal close]