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EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

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1. In a letter dated 4 November 2004, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 9 November 2004, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-eighth 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 4 NOVEMBER 2004 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO) 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 the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO). IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to ISESCO and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

I am pleased to inform you that the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization 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.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 2004 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 4 November 2004 informing us that the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) is interested in being granted observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In this context, I also wish to refer to the Cooperation Agreement between ISESCO and IOM of 11 December 2003 establishing the terms of collaboration between our two Organizations and have taken note that one of the main objectives of ISESCO is to foster a better understanding amongst people through education, science and culture. It is therefore my belief that ISESCO's participation as an observer in IOM will be mutually beneficial. The necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the next session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 30 November to 3 December 2004.

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 request for observer status. Allow me therefore to express my satisfaction at the prospect of furthering the close relationship and collaboration between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]