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1. In a letter dated 12 November 2010, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary-General of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) 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 24 February 2011, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Hundredth 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 12 NOVEMBER 2010 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF  
THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES (ECCAS)  
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 9 October 2010, reference No. 2083/CEEAC/SG/10, copy of which is attached,\* to remind you that:

- 1- ECCAS wishes to establish a closer relationship with IOM;
- 2- ECCAS agrees to the provisions of the proposed memorandum of understanding;
- 3- ECCAS wishes to apply for observer status in accordance with IOM practice;
- 4- ECCAS wishes to participate in the work of the Council as of 2011.

[Complimentary ending]

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\* Not reproduced.

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 24 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF  
CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES (ECCAS)**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 12 November 2010, Ref. No. 2217/CEEAC/SG/10, informing me that the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) wishes to establish a closer relationship with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and a formal partnership with IOM.

In this connection, I note your wish to apply for observer status with IOM. The necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the next regular session of the IOM Council, to be held in December 2011. 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]