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**APPLICATION BY THE
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AALCC)
FOR REPRESENTATION BY AN OBSERVER**

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1. In a letter dated 17 October 2000, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee 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 27 October 2000, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eightieth 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 or non-governmental, concerned with migration, refugees or human resources as observers at its meetings.
3. If the Council so decides, the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee will be included among the international governmental organizations listed in paragraph 2 (a) of Resolution No. 753 (LVIII).
4. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 17 OCTOBER 2000 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AALCC)
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Dear Sir,

I am pleased and honoured to confirm what I said to delegations of Member States who attended your lecture that the signing of the Cooperation Agreement between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) on the 6th of October was the beginning of an effective partnership between our two organisations. IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to the AALCC and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your organisation.

AALCC is an inter-governmental organisation, whose membership currently comprises of 45 Member States from Asia and Africa. Its activities are geared towards serving as an effective forum for Asia-African cooperation on some of the major issues before the United Nations as also in the fields of humanitarian law and economic relations. Among the major issues currently being faced by humanity is the displacement of millions of people due to social, political and economic reasons. The dimensions of this problem in Asia and Africa are specially far reaching, this makes the Committee more determined in including the question of refugees and displaced persons on its agenda.

For the last five years the AALCC has been actively involved with the topic "Legal Protection of Migrant Workers". Since the issues concerning migration have assumed great importance, we are in the process of drafting a model legislation for the "Protection of Rights of Migrants" or an Agreement between AALCC's Member States. I am sure, cooperation with your organisation will help us to take these issues and others in depth.

The AALCC desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration and I shall very much appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration for granting to the AALCC Observer status in your esteemed organisation.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 2000 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AALCC)

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 October 2000, conveying the desire of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) to seek observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The growing cooperation between the two Organizations, as evidenced in the recent signing of the Cooperation Agreement between IOM and AALCC, is appreciated and the necessary action will be taken for inscription of your request on the agenda of the forthcoming Eightieth Session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 28 to 29 November 2000.

The relevant document formally presenting your application for observer status in IOM will be distributed to all Member States and observers in the near future. In this connection, you will receive a copy of this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

I take great pleasure in receiving 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]