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EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION

**APPLICATION BY THE
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1. In a letter dated 17 July 2001, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary General of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA)* 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 July 2001, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-second 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 *Union du Maghreb Arabe* will be included among the 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 JULY 2001 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
UNION DU MAGHREB ARABE (UMA)
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the relationship existing between the General Secretariat of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe* and the International Organization for Migration.

The General Secretariat of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA)* wishes to establish a closer relationship with your Organization and has the honour to request observer status at the meetings of the International Organization for Migration.

I have attached to the present a note on the *Union du Maghreb Arabe* and its activities and would appreciate your sending to me any useful information on your Organization as well as taking the necessary steps to submit the request of the General Secretariat of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe* to the Council for its consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 24 JULY 2001 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE *UNION DU MAGHREB ARABE (UMA)*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 July 2001, ref. 1924, informing me of the wish of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA)* to obtain the status of observer in the work of the Council of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

We appreciate the growing cooperation between IOM and the Member States of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe* and would like to express our deep gratification at the strengthening of this collaboration with the General Secretariat of the *Union du Maghreb Arabe*. I am pleased to transmit herewith additional information on IOM and its activities to enable you to better determine fields of action of interest.

I am pleased to confirm that the necessary steps will be taken to place your Government's application on the agenda of the Eighty-second Session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 27 to 29 November 2001. A document formally presenting your Government's application will be distributed to all Member States and observers. You will receive a copy of it, together with further details concerning the Council session and the procedure for consideration of your country's application.

Permit me to say that it is with great pleasure that I have received your request. I would like to express my deep satisfaction at this future close cooperation between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]