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1. In a letter dated 18 April 2007, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 15 May 2007, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Ninety-third (Special) 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 18 APRIL 2007 FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ITUC)  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), founded in Vienna, Austria, on 1 November 2006, has 304 national affiliates in 153 countries and territories, representing 168 million workers. The ITUC membership includes the affiliates of the former International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the World Confederation of Labour, along with a number of national trade union centres previously affiliated to neither international. Both the WCL and the ICFTU dissolved themselves at congresses on 31 October, also in Vienna.

I am therefore writing to formally request that the ITUC be granted the same status at the IOM as that previously held by the WCL and the ICFTU.

Please find attached the new organization's statutes, the list of its Governing Bodies, the list of its affiliates as well as the details of its main representations around the world. We will of course be pleased to provide you with any other supplementary information you would need.

[Formal close]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 15 MAY 2007 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ITUC)**

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 18 April 2007 informing the International Organization for Migration (IOM) that the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) was founded in Vienna on 1 November 2006 and includes the affiliates of the former International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) and the former World Confederation of Labour (WCL), both of which dissolved themselves on 31 October 2006.

As WCL and ICFTU held observer status in IOM, you request that ITUC be granted the same status as that previously held by these two organizations.

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 in the afternoon of 7 June 2007. 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.

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.

[Formal close]