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1. In a letter dated 7 August 2007, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Executive Director of Africa Recruit made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 14 September 2007, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Ninety-fourth 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 7 AUGUST 2007 FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AFRICA RECRUIT
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of Africa Recruit concerning the excellent collaboration ongoing with IOM since the last four years. As you may know, a primary objective of Africa Recruit is to build a robust and enduring productive capacity throughout the African continent, targeting its human resources and using its various networks within and outside Africa.

Allow me to highlight some recent initiatives where IOM has been invited as a speaker:

- “Global Skills for Africa Seminar/Career Fair”, London, United Kingdom, March 2003
- “Strategic Skills Seminar for Africa”, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2004
- “Africa diaspora Investment week”, London, United Kingdom, 12-17th September 2005
- “Engaging British Minority Ethnic (BME) Skills in the labour market of their home countries: Opportunities and Challenges”, London, United Kingdom, 12th July 2007

IOM has also collaborated with Africa Recruit on various fronts:

- Workshop “Migration and Development”, Harare, Zimbabwe, 25-27 October 2005
- “Diaspora Consultative Forum”, London, United Kingdom, May 2006
- “Mobilizing African diaspora Healthcare Professionals for Capacity-Building” in Africa, 21-22 March 2006

The above are just a few examples as IOM and Africa Recruit continue to engage on various aspects related to Migration.

In view of this, I would very much appreciate if you would grant Africa Recruit an observer status. A cooperation agreement* that was drafted last year, which we have updated, is also attached for your consideration.

I you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Africa Recruit looks forward to working with IOM.

[Formal close]

* Not reproduced.

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AFRICA RECRUIT**

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 7 August 2007 informing us that Africa Recruit is interested in being granted observer status in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

I have taken note of the growing cooperation and objectives of Africa Recruit, particularly in the field of capacity building, as well as your interest to sign a cooperation agreement establishing the principles of future collaboration between the two organizations. It is my belief that Africa Recruit'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, scheduled to take place in Geneva from 27 to 30 November 2007. 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 organization's request for observer status and I look forward to the prospect of furthering the relationship and collaboration between our two organizations.

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