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1. In a letter dated 6 May 2014, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean made a formal application for her Organization to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 14 July 2014, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the 105th 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. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 6 MAY 2014 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Director General,

As you know, migrations will be during the Portuguese Presidency on top of the PA-UfM's political agenda. Migrations will be indeed the mobilizing theme of our mandate.

To that regard, the PA-UfM Bureau has deliberated, at its last meeting in Lisbon, to ask the International Organization for Migration to grant Observer status to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean.

It is this candidature that I am now formally presenting.

I am certain that having Observer status in the International Organization for Migration will considerably contribute to achieve the aims of our Parliamentary Assembly.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 14 JULY 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION
FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Madam President,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 6 May 2014 seeking observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Indeed, I can only note with appreciation the importance and attention that PA-UfM will be giving to migration under the mandate of the Portuguese presidency. I also highly appreciate the work of PA-UfM's Committee on Improving Quality of Life, Exchanges between Civil Societies and Culture – which on several occasions recalled the importance of mobility for the promotion of economic and social progress and employment – as well as the Committee on Women's Rights which, during its February 2014 meeting, recognized the difficult situation of women in refugee camps and outlined recommendations to implement programmes and raise awareness at the political and economic level to improve the situation of women refugees and their families, and provide further support to countries hosting refugees. I also note with appreciation the reference to the importance of facilitating the circulation of people contained in the Declaration of the Summit of the Speakers of the UfM Parliaments, issued in April 2013. With migration as a unifying theme, it is therefore my belief that both IOM and PA-UfM could benefit from a strengthening of this already close and cordial relationship.

It will be possible to take the necessary action to place your request before the IOM Council during its next regular session, to be held in Geneva from 25 to 28 November 2014. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and Observer States prior to the November 2014 Council session. You will receive a copy of this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

A formal invitation to attend the session, during which Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean's application for Observer Status is presented to the Member States, will also be sent to you.

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]