

**COUNCIL**

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1. In a letter dated 10 April 2018, the Lao People's Democratic Republic applied for membership of the International Organization for Migration. The Director General replied to this letter on 30 April 2018. Both documents are available upon request. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda of the Second Special Session of the Council.
2. In its letter, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic accepts the Constitution, and confirms that it has completed all the required internal procedures according to its constitution and applicable rules for this application for membership of IOM. It also states that it will fulfil all obligations of membership from the date the IOM Council accepts this application for membership, including to make a financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, the rate of which will be agreed upon by the IOM Council and the Government.
3. In accordance with Article 2(b) of the Constitution, the Council is required to make a decision regarding the application of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for membership and the rate of its financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.0032 per cent of the total contributions required from Member States to the Administrative Part of the Budget.
4. A draft resolution concerning this application is submitted separately to the Council for its consideration.