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1. In a letter dated 24 September 2011, the Holy See applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 11 October 2011, are annexed.
2. In accordance with Article 2 (b) of the Constitution, the Council is required to make a decision regarding the application of the Holy See for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.0011 per cent of the total contributions required from Member States to the Administrative Part of the Budget.
3. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 2011 FROM
THE SECRETARY FOR THE HOLY SEE'S RELATIONS WITH STATES
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the relationship between the Holy See and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Holy See wishes to establish a closer relationship with your Organization and hereby applies for membership in the International Organization for Migration, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Holy See accepts the Constitution of the International Organization for Migration and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, in accordance with its constitutional processes and the obligations resulting from membership. It also undertakes 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 Holy See.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 11 OCTOBER 2011 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE SECRETARY FOR THE HOLY SEE'S RELATIONS WITH STATES**

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 September 2011, N. 4118/11/RS, in which you inform me that the Holy See wishes to become a Member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b), of the IOM Constitution.

I note that the Holy See accepts the Constitution of IOM, and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, in accordance with its constitutional processes, as well as the obligations resulting from membership, and that it undertakes 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 Holy See.

I am confident that the Holy See's application will be received with satisfaction by the Member States of IOM and would like to express my deep gratification at this further strengthening of the already close and cordial relationship between the Holy See and IOM.

I take pleasure in informing you that the Hundredth Session of the Council, at which the Holy See's application will be submitted to the Member States of IOM for approval, will be held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2011.

A document formally presenting the Holy See's application for membership will be distributed to all Member States. You will receive a copy of it, together with further details concerning the Council session and the procedure for consideration of the Holy See's application.

[Complimentary ending]