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1. In a letter dated 17 October 2011, the Republic of South Sudan applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 7 November 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 Republic of South Sudan for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization. Resolution No. 1203 of 30 November 2010 provides that the IOM scale of assessment for 2012 be equated to that of the United Nations but as the assessment rate for South Sudan has not yet been set by the United Nations, the Director General will present the assessment rate as soon as this becomes available. There would be a retroactive assessment from 1 January 2012 after the rate is established.
3. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 17 OCTOBER 2011 FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN  
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

With the declaration of Independence on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the Republic of South Sudan is actively proclaiming its rightful place among the International Community according to the principles set forth by the United Nations Charter and other Regional Organizations.

As you may be aware, since 2005, IOM has been working closely with the Government of Southern Sudan now the Republic of South Sudan on the issue of voluntary repatriation and reintegration, particularly in relation to North/South and South/South movement of IDPs. IOM has recently begun work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Interior on improving border control. These are few tangible programs among others that IOM is carrying out in South Sudan.

Based on the above mentioned facts, I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of South Sudan herewith applies for membership in the International Organization for Migration, in accordance with the provisions of article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution, and accepts the Constitution, and the amendments thereto of 24<sup>th</sup> November 1998, in accordance with its constitutional processes as well as the obligations resulting from membership in the Organization.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 7 NOVEMBER 2011 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt on 3 November 2011 of your letter of 17 October 2011, ref. RSS/MFA&IC/J/DMIC/3/4/2, in which you inform me that the Government of the Republic of South Sudan 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 your Government 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 your Government.

I am confident that your Government'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 Republic of South Sudan and IOM.

I take pleasure in informing you that the Hundredth Session of the Council, at which your Government'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 your Government'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 your country's application.

[Complimentary ending]