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1. In a letter dated 25 November 2011, the Republic of Vanuatu applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. The letter and the Director General's reply, dated 30 November 2011, are reproduced in the annexes to this document.
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 Vanuatu 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 0.0011 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 25 NOVEMBER 2011 FROM THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the relationship existing between the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

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

The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu accepts the Constitution, and the amendments thereto of the 24th 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 Government of the Republic of Vanuatu.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 30 NOVEMBER 2011 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25 November 2011 in which you inform me that the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu 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 Government of the Republic of Vanuatu.

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 Vanuatu 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]