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**APPLICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN
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1. In a letter dated 23 June 2000, the Republic of Benin applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 14 July 2000, 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 Benin for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.050 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 for consideration by the Council.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 23 JUNE 2000 FROM THE MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN
ADDRESSED 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 Benin and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

My Government 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 (b) of its Constitution.

The Government of the Republic of Benin accepts the Constitution 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 Government of the Republic of Benin.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 14 JULY 2000 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 June 2000, ref. 636/MAEC/DC/SG/DOI/SSC/OIM, in which you inform us that the Republic of Benin wishes to become a member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b), of the Constitution.

I note that your Government accepts the IOM Constitution and the obligations resulting from membership, and that it thus 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 action will be received with satisfaction by the Member States of IOM. At the same time, I should like to express our appreciation of this further strengthening of the already close and cordial relationship between the Government of the Republic of Benin and IOM.

I am pleased to confirm that the necessary steps will be taken to place your Government's application for membership on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the IOM Council which will be held in Geneva from 28 to 29 November 2000.

A document formally presenting your Government's application for membership will be distributed to all Member States and observers. 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]