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**APPLICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA
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1. In a letter dated 17 May 2001, the Republic of the Gambia applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 18 May 2001, 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 the Gambia 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 17 MAY 2001 FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA
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 The Gambia 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, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Government of the Republic of The Gambia 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 The Gambia.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 18 MAY 2001 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 May 2001, ref. PA 405/02(37-FJJ), in which you inform us that the Republic of The Gambia 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 Constitution in accordance with its constitutional processes and 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 Government of the Republic of The Gambia.

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 deep gratification at this further strengthening of the already close and cordial relationship between the Republic of The Gambia 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 next session of the IOM Council which will be held in Geneva on 7 June 2001 at 3 p.m. in Room XVIII of the Palais des Nations.

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]