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1. In a letter dated 29 March 2004, the Republic of the Niger applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 30 March 2004, 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 Niger for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0,040 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 29 MARCH 2004 FROM  
THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE NIGER,  
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 Republic of the Niger and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Government of my country 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 Niger accepts the Constitution in accordance with its constitutional procedures 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 Niger.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 30 MARCH 2004 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION  
TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION,  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE NIGER**

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 March 2004, No. 02111/MAE/C/DIRNU/OI/ASO, in which you inform us that the Republic of the Niger 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 of IOM 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 action 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 Government of the Republic of the Niger 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, to be held in Geneva on 4 June 2004.

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]