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**APPLICATION BY AFGHANISTAN
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1. In a letter dated 5 May 2004, the Government of Afghanistan applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 11 May 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 Government of Afghanistan 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 5 MAY 2004 FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN,
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 Afghanistan 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 Afghanistan accepts the Constitution and the amendments thereto of 24 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 Afghanistan.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 11 MAY 2004 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5 May 2004 in which you inform us that the Government of Afghanistan 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, 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 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 Afghanistan 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]