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**APPLICATION BY  
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1. In a letter received 7 September 2004, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 10 September 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 Commonwealth of the Bahamas for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.035 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 RECEIVED ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2004 FROM  
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 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 Commonwealth of The Bahamas 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 IOM in accordance with article (2) paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas 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 the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO  
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 September 2004 in which you inform us that the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas 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 The Bahamas 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 from 30 November to 3 December 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]