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1. In a letter dated 17 February 2005, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 1 March 2005, 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 DATED 17 FEBRUARY 2005 FROM  
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA,  
ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the relationship existing between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to establish a closer relationship with your Organization and hereby would like to apply for membership in the International Organization for Migration in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina accepts the Constitution and the amendments thereto of November 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17 February 2005 in which you inform us that the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 (special) session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva on 9 June 2005.

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]