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1. In a letter dated 26 May 2006, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 6 June 2006, 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 the Kingdom of Spain for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 2.755 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 26 MAY 2006 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND COOPERATION OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

Further to my letter of last November, I would like to address to you the formal application of Spain with a view to becoming a full Member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Through the present request, Spain fully accepts the Constitution of the IOM and its amendments of 24 November 1998, adopted in accordance with its constitutional process, and undertakes to fulfill the obligations imposed by membership, as well as to fully cooperate in the aims and programmes of the Organization. It also undertakes to make a financial contribution to the administrative costs of the Organization, the percentage of which will be agreed upon between the IOM Council and the Government of Spain.

Membership will be effective as of the date on which the Council of the Organization adopts the Resolution approving Spain's application, with the hope that by then, the Spanish Parliament will have granted the mandatory authorization required by our Constitution, a procedure which is presently being finalized, with the proviso that should this finalization take place after the date the Organization's Council adopts the Resolution, the effective date of Spain's membership would be the date of the final approval by the Parliament.

In any case, the Government of Spain undertakes to notify the Organization immediately of the date of parliamentary authorization, as from which Spain's agreement may be considered final.

Hoping that this application will be accepted in all its terms by the next session of the Council of the International Organization for Migration, [complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 2006 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF
THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26 May 2006 in which you inform me that the Government of the Kingdom of Spain 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 have also taken note that the membership would be effective as from the date on which the Council of the Organization adopts the Resolution approving the application of Spain, in the hope that by then the Spanish Parliament will have granted the mandatory authorization required by your Constitution, a procedure which is presently being finalized, and that should this finalization take place after the date the Organization's Council adopts the Resolution, the Government of Spain would notify the Organization of the date of parliamentary authorization as from which Spain's membership may be considered effective.

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 Kingdom of Spain 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 8 June 2006.

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]