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1. In a letter dated 19 May 2008, the Republic of India applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 23 May 2008, 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 India for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.483 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 to the Council for consideration.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 19 MAY 2008 FROM THE  
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the observer status of the Government of the Republic of India at the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

My Government now 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 India accepts the Constitution 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 Republic of India.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II**LETTER DATED 23 MAY 2008 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO  
THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19 May 2008 in which you inform me that the Government of the Republic of India 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 application 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 India and IOM.

I take pleasure in informing you that the Ninety-fifth (Special) Session of the Council, at which your Government's application will be submitted to the Member States of IOM for approval, will be held in Geneva, from 18 to 19 June 2008.

A document formally presenting your Government's application for membership will be distributed to all Member States. 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]