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1. In a letter dated 29 May 2008, the Somali Republic applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 2 June 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 Somali Republic for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.026 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 29 MAY 2008 FROM THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
OF THE SOMALI REPUBLIC 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 Somalia 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 Somalia accepts the Constitution, and the amendments thereto of 24th 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 Somalia.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 2008 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION OF THE SOMALI REPUBLIC**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29 May 2008, ref. MFA/OM/IOM/01/08, informing me that the Government of the Somali Republic wishes to become a Member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in accordance with Article 2 (b) of the Constitution.

I note that your Government accepts the IOM Constitution, and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, in accordance with its constitutional processes, as well as the obligations resulting from membership. 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 our deep gratification at this strengthening of the already close and cordial relations between Somalia 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 18 and 19 June 2008.

A document formally presenting your Government's application for membership will be circulated 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]