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1. In a letter dated 9 July 2013, the Republic of Iceland applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. The letter and the Director General's reply, dated 19 July 2013, are reproduced in the annexes to this document.
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 Iceland for membership and the rate of its financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.0455 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 9 JULY 2013 FROM THE MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND TO
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Mr. Swing,

The opportunities and challenges of migration are an important issue in international cooperation. The Government of Iceland recognizes the central role of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in assisting countries address migration management, for upholding the human dignity and well-being of migrants and for advancing understanding of migration issues.

I have the honour to inform you that Iceland hereby applies for membership in the IOM, in accordance with the provision of Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution. The Government of Iceland 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 Iceland.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 19 JULY 2013 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9 July 2013 in which you inform me that the Republic of Iceland wishes to become a Member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b), of the IOM 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 the Government of Iceland.

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 the Republic of Iceland and IOM.

I take pleasure in informing you that your Government's application will be submitted to the Member States of IOM for approval at the 103rd Session of the Council which will take place in Geneva on 26-29 November 2013.

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]