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1. In a letter dated 25 September 2013, the Republic of Fiji applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. The letter and the Director General's reply, dated 24 October 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 Fiji 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 0.0034 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 25 SEPTEMBER 2013 FROM THE MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF FIJI TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Dear Director General,

In view of the leading role played by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on global issues relating to migration and the opportunities that exist for close collaboration with Fiji on related issues, I hereby have the honour to request membership for the Republic of Fiji in the IOM in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

In that regard, the Government of Fiji accepts the said Constitution and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998. Furthermore, the Government undertakes to make a financial contribution for the administrative requirements of the Organization, the rate of which I believe will have to be agreed upon with the IOM Council.

We look forward to becoming the next member of the IOM and trust that our application will be considered and approved at the next Council meeting in November of this year.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 24 OCTOBER 2013 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO  
THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25 September 2013 in which you inform me that the Republic of Fiji 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 the Republic of Fiji.

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 Fiji 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 103<sup>rd</sup> 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]