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1. In a letter dated 7 November 2013, the Republic of the Marshall Islands applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. The letter and the Director General's reply, dated 11 November 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 the Marshall Islands 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 0.0011 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 7 NOVEMBER 2013 FROM THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the relationship existing between the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands 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 the Republic of the Marshall Islands 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 the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 11 NOVEMBER 2013 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 November 2013 in which you inform me that the Republic of the Marshall Islands 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 the Marshall Islands.

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 the Marshall Islands 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]