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In a letter dated 24 November 2014, The Independent State of Samoa applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. The letter and the Director General's reply, dated 24 November 2014, are reproduced in the annexes to this document.

In accordance with Article 2(b) of the Constitution, the Council is required to make a decision regarding the application of the Independent State of Samoa 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.

An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2014 FROM THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER/
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ACTING MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION
OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA 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 Samoa 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 Samoa accepts the Constitution, and confirms that it has completed all the required internal procedures according to its constitution and applicable rules for this application for membership in IOM and also that it will fulfil all obligations of membership from the date the IOM Council accepts this application for membership, including 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 Samoa.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2014 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
ACTING PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ACTING
MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 November 2014 in which you inform me that the Independent State of Samoa 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, as well as the obligations resulting from membership. I also note that your Government has completed all the required internal procedures according to its constitution and applicable rules, 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 Independent State of Samoa.

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 Independent State of Samoa 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 105th Session of the Council which will take place in Geneva on 25–28 November 2014.

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]