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**APPLICATION BY THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA  
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1. In a letter dated 12 February 2003, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 17 February 2003, 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 Islamic Republic of Mauritania for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.040 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 for consideration by the Council.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 12 FEBRUARY 2003 FROM  
THE AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania requested the status of observer in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in May 2002 and the Eighty-third (Special) Session of the Council approved this request.

The Government of my country wishes to establish a closer relationship with your Organization and has the honour to apply for membership in the International Organization for Migration, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania accepts the Constitution of IOM - and the amendments to it of 24 November 1998 - in accordance with its constitutional processes, as well as the obligations resulting from membership. My Government 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 Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 17 FEBRUARY 2003 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 February 2003, in which you inform me that the Islamic Republic of Mauritania wishes to become a Member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b), of the Constitution.

I note that your Government accepts the Constitution of IOM – and the amendments to it of 24 November 1998 – in accordance with its constitutional processes, as well as and 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 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 further strengthening of the already close and cordial relationship between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania 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 session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva on 13 June 2003.

A document formally presenting your Government's application for membership will be distributed to all Member States and observers. 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]