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**APPLICATION BY NEW ZEALAND  
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1. In a letter received on 28 May 2003, New Zealand applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Deputy Director General's reply, dated 28 May 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 New Zealand for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.270 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 RECEIVED ON 28 MAY 2003 FROM THE ACTING MINISTER  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF NEW ZEALAND  
ADDRESSED 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 New Zealand 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 New Zealand 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 New Zealand.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 28 MAY 2003 FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF NEW ZEALAND

Sir,

In the absence of the Director General, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter received today, in which you inform us that the Government of New Zealand 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 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 New Zealand 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]