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1. In a letter dated 15 November 2005, the Togolese Republic applied for membership of the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 17 November 2005, 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 Togolese Republic for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.035 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 15 NOVEMBER 2005 FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AFRICAN INTEGRATION OF THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

I refer to the relationship existing between Togo and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and have the honour to inform you that the Togolese Government wishes to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

The Togolese Government hereby applies for membership in the International Organization for Migration in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

Furthermore, it accepts the Constitution and the amendments thereto, 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 Government of the Togolese Republic.

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Annex II

LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AFRICAN INTEGRATION OF THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 November 2005 (ref. 477/MAEIA/MAEIA/CAB), in which you inform me that the Togolese Republic 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 the Togolese Republic 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 from 29 November to 2 December 2005.

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.

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