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1. In a letter dated 29 January 2010, received on 29 March 2010, the Kingdom of Lesotho applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 13 April 2010, 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 Kingdom of Lesotho for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.0011 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 29 JANUARY 2010 FROM THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF
THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the relationship existing between the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Kingdom of Lesotho 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 Kingdom of Lesotho 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 Kingdom of Lesotho.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 2010 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt on 29 March 2010 of your letter dated 29 January 2010 in which you inform me that the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho 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 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 your Government.

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 Kingdom of Lesotho 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 next regular session of the Council, which will be held in Geneva on 29 November 2010.

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]