

**COUNCIL**  
**First Special Session\***

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\* In accordance with document C/106/INF/10 of 8 September 2015, the numbering of special sessions of the Council has been modified and will start at 1 for the Special Session held in June 2016.

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1. In a letter received on 17 May 2016, Solomon Islands applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. The Director General replied to this letter on 27 May 2016. Both documents are available upon request. An appropriate item will be included in the provisional agenda of the First Special Session of the Council.
2. In its letter, the Government of Solomon Islands accepts the IOM 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. It also states 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 the Government.
3. In accordance with Article 2(b) of the Constitution, the Council is required to make a decision regarding the application of Solomon Islands 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.
4. A draft resolution concerning this application is submitted separately to the Council for its consideration.