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1. In a letter dated 14 November 2005, the Republic of Belarus applied for membership of the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 14 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 Republic of Belarus 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 14 NOVEMBER 2005 FROM
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS,
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 the Republic of Belarus and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Government of the Republic of Belarus wishes to establish a closer relationship with your Organization and hereby applies for membership in the IOM in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Government of the Republic of Belarus 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 Government of the Republic of Belarus.

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Annex II

**LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today in which you inform us that the Government of the Republic of Belarus 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 action 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 Republic of Belarus 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 forthcoming 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.

[Formal close]