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**APPLICATION BY IRELAND  
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1. In a letter dated 15 May 2002, Ireland applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the foregoing letter and of the Deputy Director General's reply, dated 21 May 2002, are annexed.
2. In accordance with Article 2 (b) of the Constitution, the Council is required to make a decision regarding the application of Ireland for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.335 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 DATED 15 MAY 2002 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF IRELAND 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 Ireland 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 Ireland accepts the Constitution 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 Ireland.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 21 MAY 2002 FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO THE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRELAND

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 May 2002 in which you inform us that the Government of Ireland applies for membership in the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b), of the Constitution.

I note that your Government accepts the IOM Constitution in accordance with its constitutional processes and 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 I should like to express our appreciation of this further strengthening of the already close and cordial relationship between the Government of Ireland 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 (special) session of the IOM Council which will be held in Geneva on 5 June 2002.

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]