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1. In a letter dated 13 May 2005, the Gabonese Republic applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 18 May 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 Gabonese 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 13 MAY 2005 FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COOPERATION AND
FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC
ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that following the meeting of the Council of Ministers on Thursday 28 April 2005, the Government of the Gabonese Republic has indicated its approval of Gabon's membership in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

My Government wishes to establish a closer and more fruitful relationship with your Organization and hereby applies for membership in the International Organization for Migration, pursuant to Article 2 of the IOM Constitution.

To that end, my Government accepts the IOM Constitution and undertakes to make a financial contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, the rate of which will be agreed upon by the Council of the International Organization for Migration and the Government of the Gabonese Republic.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 18 MAY 2005 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
COOPERATION AND FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF
THE GABONESE REPUBLIC**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref. 000507/MAECF/SG/DGAE/D5/AMD of 13 May 2005 in which you inform us that your country wishes to become a Member of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in accordance with Article 2 (b), of the Constitution.

I note that your Government accepts the Constitution of IOM in accordance with its constitutional processes, as well as the obligations resulting from membership. 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 Government of the Gabonese 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 on 9 June 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.

[Complimentary ending]