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1. In a letter dated 14 November 2007, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 20 November 2007, 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 Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for membership and the rate of its contribution to the administrative requirements of the Organization, which the Director General recommends should be assessed at 0.026 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 2007 FROM THE
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

It is my great pleasure and honour to inform you that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam hereby decides to apply for membership in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in accordance with Article 2, paragraph (b) of the IOM Constitution.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 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 Vietnam.

The Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam highly appreciate the fruitful cooperation, which has long been established between the Government of Vietnam and the International Organization for Migration. We always value the assistance given by IOM to facilitate our efforts in managing the migration issues. I strongly believe that with Vietnam's full membership, our cooperation will be further enhanced for the benefit of our people.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 2007 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 November 2007 informing me that the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam 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 IOM Constitution, and the amendments thereto of 24 November 1998, 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 our deep gratification at this further strengthening of the already close and cordial relations between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam 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 from 27 to 30 November 2007.

A document formally presenting your Government's application for membership will be circulated 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]