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1. In a letter dated 8 November 2004, the Republic of Estonia applied for membership in the International Organization for Migration. A copy of the letter and of the Director General's reply, dated 12 November 2004, 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 Estonia 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 for consideration by the Council.

**Annex I**

LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 2004 FROM  
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
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 the Republic of Estonia 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 the Republic of Estonia 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 Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Estonia.

[Complimentary ending]

**Annex II**

LETTER DATED 12 NOVEMBER 2004 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO  
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 November 2004 in which you inform us that the Government of the Republic of Estonia 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 Estonia 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 30 November to 3 December 2004.

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]