Applications for Membership

Note by the Secretary-General

In the present report, the Secretary-General informs the Council on the recent developments in the membership of the Organization received at the Secretariat since the last session of the General Assembly.
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1. By note verbale dated 7 January 2004, the Consulate of the Sultanate of Oman in Madrid transmitted to the Secretary-General a communication from H.E. Yousef Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs of Oman, in which his government adopts the Statutes of the Organization and accepts the obligations of membership.

2. It is recalled that at its last session, the General Assembly, through Resolution 449(XV), after having taken cognizance of Oman's intention to join the WTO, empowered the Executive Council to admit this State as a Full Member once the admission formalities have been completed. The Council thus has the authority granted by the General Assembly to accept this State as a Member at its present session, as it did in the case of Saudi Arabia.

3. The Secretary-General will visit the Sultanate of Oman at the beginning of May in order to initiate close working cooperation from the outset with this new Member.

4. The Council will be informed of any other applications for membership submitted or completed by a State between now and the Council session.