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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Tuvalu—Application for Membership**

Attached, please find a letter from the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, which was received on January 8, 2009.

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Managing Director
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Dear Managing Director

Membership in the IMF

With the endorsement of the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues, I have the honor, on behalf of the Government of Tuvalu and in my capacity as Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, to formally request the admission of Tuvalu as a full member of the International Monetary Fund.

I would accordingly be grateful if you could supply me with instructions for Tuvalu to obtain membership in the IMF, as well as our obligations and responsibilities as a full member.

As Tuvalu wishes to join the IMF without undue delay, I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Metia'.

Hon Lotoala Metia
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning