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Report of the Secretary-General

(b) New membership

I. Applications for membership

1. On 9 May 2012, the Minister of Hotels and Tourism of the Republic of the Union of **Myanmar** wrote to the Secretary-General to announce his country's formal acceptance of the UNWTO Statutes and obligations of membership, with a view to re-joining the Organization as a Full Member.
2. Since Myanmar had been a Member of UNWTO from 1996 to 1999, this country is entitled to automatic admission in conformity with Article 5(2) of the Statutes, as amended by resolution 416(XIV).
3. In a note verbale dated 1 June 2012, in its capacity as Depositary of the Statutes of the Organization, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain communicated to the Secretariat that the re-entry of Myanmar in the Organization would take effect as of 1 June 2012, date of the reception of the note verbale of this country by the Ministry.

II. Contacts with non-member states

4. The Secretariat has been verbally informed by the Vice-President of the United Arab Emirates that the Cabinet has recently approved the application of the country for Full Membership of the World Tourism Organization. A written communication should soon be sent to the Secretariat.
5. In addition, the Secretary-General has been in contact with the Governments of other countries which showed an interest in becoming Members of the Organization, especially with Denmark, Sweden and the United States of America.

