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2021 Budget - Outcome of Postal Ballot

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1403 initiated a postal vote in order to adopt a budget for 2021. Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1406 extended the voting period which closed on 29 June. A total of 47 governments voted on the budget, with 46 in support of the proposed one-year budget and 1 abstention. This is more than a simple majority of the members of the Commission, and therefore according to the Rule of Procedure E.4 the proposed budget is adopted.

I would like to thank all the governments that participated in this important vote which has ensured that intersessional work can continue through the extended period until a Commission meeting is possible in September 2021.

I also take this opportunity to remind governments that financial contributions for 2020 are due by 30 June 2020. Please make your payment now if you have not already done so. It is possible that the Commission will be required to take more decisions via Postal Vote in the extended intersessional period. Governments are not able to participate in future votes until financial contributions for 2020 are paid.

Andrej Bibic
Chair, IWC

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