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Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments  
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**Financial Contributions for 2020: Forthcoming Suspension of the Right to Vote**

This Circular Communication serves as a reminder to Contracting Governments that if 2020 financial contributions or other arrears are not paid by **30 September 2020**, voting rights will be suspended in accordance with Financial Regulation F.2.

The following Contracting Governments currently have arrears of contributions:

Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Congo, Rep, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Liberia, Lithuania, Mali, Mauritania, Monaco, Oman, Palau, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Solomon Islands, South Africa, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Sweden, Tanzania, Togo, Tuvalu, Uruguay.

Contracting Governments are urged to send payment of arrears as soon as possible. Timely payment of contributions is essential to ensure that the Commission can meet its financial obligations. Furthermore, due to the challenges caused by COVID-19 it is more likely that intersessional decision-making may be required. Sending payment of contributions ensures that each country will be able to participate should any decision-making process be needed, including postal voting.

The Commission is grateful for your ongoing engagement in the International Whaling Commission.

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Chair, IWC

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