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Proposed Sale of the Red House - Outcome of Postal Ballot

A Circular Communication to Commissioners only on 8 February 2021 initiated a postal vote in order to decide on whether to put the Red House up for sale. The voting period closed on 15 March 2021. A total of 45 governments voted in the ballot, with 36 in support of the proposed sale, 1 opposed and 8 abstentions. 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 sale is adopted.

The Secretariat will now make the legal arrangements and get the building ready for sale. If the agreed price is reached, the sale will proceed and the Secretariat will source and move to appropriate rented office space nearby in due course.

I would like to thank all the governments that participated in this voting process.

Andrej Bibic Chair, IWC

c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC