



## Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments

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### **Unpaid Financial Contributions: Suspension of the Right to Vote**

This Circular Communication serves as notification of the current voting status of any countries with unpaid Financial Contributions as at 4 August 2022.

Financial Regulation F.2. provides that:

The right to vote of representatives of any Contracting Government shall be suspended automatically when the annual payment, including any interest due, has not been received by the Commission by the earliest of these dates:

- 3 months following the due date; or
- The day before the first day of the next biennial or special meeting of the Commission or meeting of the Bureau if such a meeting is held within 3 months following the due date; or
- In the case of a vote by postal or other means, the date upon which votes must be received if this falls within 3 months following the due date, the right to vote of the Contracting Government concerned shall be suspended as provided under Rule E.2. of the Rules of Procedure.

In view of the Bureau meeting which took place on 5 July 2022, the following Contracting Governments currently have arrears of contributions and therefore their right to vote is currently suspended:

Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Congo, Rep of, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Lao, PDR, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nauru, Oman, Panama, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome & Principe, Solomon Islands, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Tuvalu.

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 and the continued operation of the International Whaling Commission.

The Commission is grateful for your ongoing engagement and support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrej Bibic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrej Bibic  
Chair, IWC