

Level of Press and Observer fees for 2023-2024

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1. Introduction

1.1. This report sets out a proposed level of fees for observers to IWC meetings for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

2. Non-Member Governments and Inter-Governmental Observers Fees

2.1 Observers from Non-Member Governments and Inter-Governmental Organisations currently pay £800 to attend IWC meetings. It is recommended that this rise is in line with the expected compound UK inflation rate¹. (7.4% in 2022, 4.0% in 2023 and 1.5% in 2024). Fees would therefore be as follows:

Current Fee for IWC68 in 2022:

- £835 per individual

Proposed Fee from 1 January 2023:

- £947 per individual

3. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) Observers Fees

3.1. Since 2008, NGO fees have increased in line with UK inflation. It is proposed that NGO fees again increase in line with the expected compound UK inflation rate². The NGO registration fee would be set as follows:

Current Fee for IWC68 in 2022:

- £628 for the first NGO observer and
- £309 for each additional NGO observer

Proposed Fee from 1 January 2023:

- £712 for the first NGO observer and
- £350 for each additional NGO observer

3.2. The registration fee covers the biennial meeting to which it relates and any other meeting of the Commission or its subsidiary groups in the interval before the next biennial meeting.

3.3. There is no charge for interpreters from NGO organisations for languages other than French, Spanish or Japanese as interpretation into these languages is provided by the Commission to all delegates and observers.

4. Press Fees

4.1. Following agreement by the Commission at IWC65 in 2014, there is no charge for media attendance.

¹ Calculation: UK forecast inflation for 2022, 2023 & 2024 are 7.4%, 4.0% & 1.5% respectively, therefore:
 $£835 \times 1.074 \times 1.040 \times 1.015 = £947$ (rounded)

² Calculation:
 $£628 \times 1.074 \times 1.040 \times 1.015 = £712$ (rounded)
 $£309 \times 1.074 \times 1.040 \times 1.015 = £350$ (rounded)

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. That, commencing from 1 January 2023, the following fees are increased with the compound rate of UK inflation:
- Non-Member Government and Inter-Governmental Organization Observer fees to £947
 - NGO fees to:
 - £712 for the first NGO observer
 - £350 for each additional observer.
 - That press continue to be able to access the meeting free of charge.