



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.

Rule of Procedure E.2.(a). 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 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.

Financial Regulation F.2 further confirms this provision including that the right to vote of the Contracting Government concerned shall be suspended.

In view of the Commission meeting, which is scheduled for 23 September 2024, the below 40 Contracting Governments stand to lose their right to vote on **Sunday 22 September 2024** unless full payment is received. Of these, 7 have only a small amount outstanding, indicated in yellow, the Secretariat is contacting these countries individually.

Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Cameroon, Chile, Rep of Congo, Costa Rica, **Cote d'Ivoire**, Dominica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, **India**, Israel, Lao, PDR, Liberia, Mali, **Marshall Islands**, Mauritania, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Oman, **Panama**, Romania, Russia, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Solomon Islands, **St Lucia**, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Suriname, Tanzania, **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 International Whaling Commission can meet its financial obligations and continue its operations.

The Commission is grateful for your ongoing engagement and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'A' followed by the name 'Tèlivel Diallo' in a cursive script.

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Chair, IWC