

Secretary's Report on the Collection of Financial Contributions for 2011-2012

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OUTSTANDING – 20 June 2012 14:30 (UK time)

Contracting Governments with right to vote suspended from 29 May 2012

Contracting Government	Total Financial Contributions and Accrued Interest outstanding £
Dominican Republic	12,500
Greece	18,114
Guinea Bissau	6,935
Hungary	12,500
Mali	4,380
Slovak Republic	18,114
St Vincent & The Gren's	4,642
Uruguay	12,499
SUB-TOTAL	89,684

Contracting Governments with right to vote already suspended from previous years

Contracting Government	Total Financial Contributions and Accrued Interest outstanding £
Belize	6,129
Congo	11,236
Cote d'Ivoire	36,765
Dominica	13,223
Guinea	11,242
Mauritania	13,423
Nicaragua	13,250
Romania	24,509
Suriname	11,234
SUB-TOTAL	141,011

Contracting Governments with right to vote already suspended from previous years and 2011/12 contribution to be cancelled, in accordance with Financial Regulation F5

Contracting Government	Total Financial Contributions and Accrued Interest outstanding
Cameroon	37,255
Gambia	27,862
Guatemala	37,759
Kenya	206,209
Senegal	19,388
SUB-TOTAL	328,473
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	559,168

Measures taken to collect unpaid Financial Contributions in 2011-2012

At IWC/63 in 2011 the Finance and Administration Committee encouraged the Secretariat to strengthen its efforts to obtain outstanding payments.

In response to this request the Secretariat has made regular enquiries to countries with outstanding debts. This has included provision of a full statement of outstanding payments at the point of issuing 2011/12 invoices (September 2011) and issue of follow up reminders in October 2011. In January and March 2012 further reminders were sent to the main outstanding debtors, and then additional reminders were provided in May. The Secretariat has also variously contacted Embassies and High Commissions of debtor countries in the United Kingdom to request their assistance in recovering outstanding debts.

The Secretariat welcomes further advice on dealing with this important issue.