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Unpaid Financial Contribution : Suspension of the Right to Vote of Togo

Financial Regulation E.3 states that:

‘New Contracting Governments whose adherence to the Convention becomes effective during the first six months of any financial year shall be liable to pay the full amount of the annual payment for that year, but only half that amount if their adherence falls within the second half of the financial year. The due date for the first payment by new Contracting Governments shall be defined as 6 months from the date of adherence to the Convention or before the first day of its participation in any Annual or Special Meeting of the Commission whichever is the earlier.

Subsequent annual payments shall be paid in accordance with Financial Regulation E.2.’

The Government of Togo adhered to the Convention on 15 June 2005. As it did not attend the Annual Meeting last year in Ulsan, the due date for its financial contributions for 2004-2005 was 15 December 2005. As the financial contribution for the Government of Togo for 2004-2005 has not been received within three months of that date, in accordance with Rule of Procedure E.2 and Financial Regulation F.2 its right to vote is suspended with effect from 16 March 2006.

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