

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS  
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS  
IWC.CCG.851

**Appointment of New Secretary to the Commission: Result of Postal Ballot**

The result of the postal ballot (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.841 of 10 February 2010) seeking confirmation of the Selection Panel's recommendation that Dr Simon Brockington be appointed as the new Secretary to the Commission is as follows:

Those voting YES	44
Those voting NO	0
Abstentions	2

As previously noted, it is a simple majority of the total number of Contracting Governments whose right to vote has not been suspended that determines the result (Rule of Procedure E.4). There were 80 Contracting Governments eligible to vote in this ballot. Consequently the Commission has confirmed the appointment of Dr Brockington.

The Chair of the Commission will therefore write to Dr Brockington informing him of the result of this vote.

Dr Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commission