

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
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Unpaid Financial Contributions: Suspension of the Right to Vote

Financial Regulation F.2. provides that:

If a Contracting Government's annual payments, including any interest due, have 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 Annual 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,

the right to vote of the Contracting Government concerned shall be suspended as provided under Rule E.2 of the Rules of Procedure.

The 'due date' for the financial contributions for 2009/2010 was 28 February 2010. The following Contracting Governments have not paid their contributions and/or the interest due within three months of that date:

Argentina, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Greece, Grenada, Laos, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nicaragua, Palau, Peru, Romania, Solomon Islands, St Kitts & Nevis, St Vincent & The Grenadines, and Uruguay.

The rights to vote of these governments are therefore suspended with effect from 1 June 2010:

Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya and Senegal have had their right to vote suspended on an earlier occasion and the suspension remains in force.

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