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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 2011/12 was 28 February 2012. To date, the following Contracting Governments have not paid their contributions and/or the interest due:

Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Greece, Guinea Bissau, Hungary, Mali, Slovak Republic, St Vincent & The Grenadines and Uruguay.

The rights to vote of these governments will therefore be suspended with effect from 29 May 2012.

Belize, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Kenya, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Romania, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Suriname have had their right to vote suspended on an earlier occasion and the suspension remains in force.

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