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Status of Voting Rights

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1014, I am pleased to report that the Government of Cameroon has now cleared its arrears of contributions for financial year 2012-13 and for four previous years. Its right to vote has therefore been restored.

The due date for financial contributions for the year 2012-2013 was 28 February 2013. As of 7 March 2013 a total of 43 Contracting Governments have failed to pay. If payment is not received by 28 May 2013 then Financial Regulation F.2 states that voting rights for these Governments will be suspended.

A Circular Communication identifying Contracting Governments with suspended voting rights will be provided shortly after the 28 May deadline.

Any Contracting Government requiring assistance to make payment is encouraged to contact the Secretariat. In addition, at IWC64 in 2012 the Budgetary Sub-committee requested the Secretariat to propose measures which would assist Contracting Governments in making efficient payment of their financial contributions. In light of this request the Secretariat would be pleased to receive suggestions for measures to assist the payment process.

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