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## CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS IWC.CCG.1084

## **Status of Voting Rights**

The due date for financial contributions for the year 2013-14 was 28 February 2014. As of 12 March 2014 a total of 42 Contracting Governments have failed to pay. If payment is not received by 28 May 2014 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 their 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, the Secretariat requests that Contracting Governments provide contact details of their Finance Offices responsible for making payments to facilitate further discussions on the payment process.

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