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**Reinstatement of right to vote: Lao P.D.R.**

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1170, I am pleased to report that the Government of Lao P.D.R. has now cleared its arrears of financial contributions for the 2015 financial year. Voting rights have therefore been restored.

Simon Brockington  
Executive Secretary

*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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