



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments  
**IWC.CCG.1182**

**Reminder to Participate in Postal Ballot**

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1179 of 26 November 2015 invited Commissioners to participate in a postal ballot. The purpose of the ballot is to decide whether or not the Commission wishes to purchase its headquarters premises.

Projections indicate that the Commission will save an estimated £149,000 over five years if the purchase goes ahead and it is upon this basis that the Secretary has recommended purchase.

A document outlining the options is attached. In addition, the voting form is also re-attached.

Please can I take this opportunity to encourage all Contracting Governments to participate. It is important to vote because, under the Commission's rules, the outcome of a postal ballot is decided by simple majority of Governments whose right to vote has not been suspended.

This is different to the procedure at Commission meetings where motions are decided by simple majority of those that cast a yes or no vote. It is important that a decision of this magnitude is taken directly rather than by default due to an insufficient participation in the ballot.

Voting closes on **31 December 2015**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for assistance with any aspect of the ballot process.

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*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*