



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Unpaid Financial Contributions 2016: Suspension of the Right to Vote

This Circular Communication serves as notification of the current voting status of any countries with unpaid Financial Contributions as at 30 September 2016.

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 Biennial or Special Meeting of the Commission or Meeting of the Bureau 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 contributions for the 2016 financial year was **30 June 2016**. The following Contracting Governments have not paid their contributions and/or the interest due within three months of that date, and their voting rights were therefore suspended with effect from 1 October 2016:

Antigua & Barbuda, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Laos, Oman, Palau, Panama and St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

In addition, the voting rights of the following countries were suspended on an earlier occasion and the suspension remains in force because financial contributions have not been received.

Belize, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Cyprus, Dominica, Ecuador, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Romania, Senegal, Solomon Islands and Togo.

Voting rights are reinstated upon receipt of financial contributions. Contracting Governments are urged to arrange payment prior to the 66th Meeting in October 2016.

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