



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Unpaid Financial Contributions – Suspension of Right to Vote

This Circular Communication serves as notification of the current voting status of any countries with unpaid Financial Contributions as at 4 September 2017.

The due date for contributions for the 2017 financial year was 30 June 2017.

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 Commission 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 Bureau meeting begins tomorrow, Tuesday 5 September and therefore, in accordance with the Financial Regulations outlined above, the following Contracting Government's voting rights are suspended:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Congo, Cyprus, Dominica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kiribati, Lao, Mali, Morocco, Nauru, Palau, Panama, Romania, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, St Vincent and The Grenadines, Tanzania, Togo, Uruguay.

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