



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
IWC.CCG.1281

POSTAL VOTE REMINDER

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1276 instigated the postal ballot to seek Commission endorsement of the Bureau's selection of Dr Rebecca Lent as the new IWC Executive Secretary.

The ballot opened on 29 September 2017. So far 21 votes have been received by the Secretariat. Contracting Governments now have just two weeks to cast a vote. 44 votes are required, a simple majority of which must be in support of the proposed appointment.

The voting rights of 26 governments remain suspended due to financial contribution arrears. I strongly urge all Contracting Governments to make arrangements for payment so that voting rights can be reinstated in time for participation in this important vote.

Voting instructions and a ballot paper are attached.

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Chair, International Whaling Commission

c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC