



## Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments IWC.CCG.1336

### Unpaid Financial Contributions 2018: 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 9 September 2018.

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 2018 financial year was **30 June 2018**. The payment for the 'bridge' period, where the Commission changed its financial year in 2014/15 was also due by this date. The following Contracting Governments have not paid their contributions as at 9 September 2018, the day before the first day of the Biennial Commission Meeting 2018, and therefore have a suspended vote:

Belize, Cameroon, Congo, Dominica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Oman, Palau, Panama, Romania, Senegal and Togo.

Voting rights are reinstated upon receipt of financial contributions. Contracting Governments are urged to arrange payment as a matter of urgency.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Lent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Rebecca Lent  
Executive Secretary

*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*