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CNM REQUESTS IN 2022

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Purpose

1. This paper presents the requests received for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2023 for the consideration and decision of TCC18.

Background

2. On 8 February 2022, the Executive Director sent letters to all 2022 CNM applicants, confirming the outcomes from WCPFC18 in relation to their CNM requests and the financial commitment expected from each successful CNM applicant for 2022. The letter also drew attention to the latest version of the electronic form to be used when requesting CNM status be granted for 2023 which is available on the WCPFC website (Cooperating Non-Member request template - last updated in 2020 | WCPFC).

CNM requests for 2023

3. To date, the Secretariat has received eight (8) requests for granting of CNM status in 2023 (see **Table 1**). The requests are from the eight countries with CNM status for 2022 and were submitted using the electronic form. Some were accompanied by a supporting letter.

Table 1: Date of receipt and format of CNM requests for 2023 as at 08 August 2022

		NOTES ON FORMAT OF REQUEST		
APPLICANT	DATE REQUEST FOR NEW/RENEWAL OF STATUS WAS RECEIVED*	E-form submitted and able to be directly imported (not pre-scanned)	Correct version of template used?	
Curacao	04 August 2022	Yes	Yes	
Ecuador	22 July 2022	Yes	Yes	
El Salvador	23 July 2022	Yes	Yes	
Liberia	29 July 2022	Yes	Yes	
Nicaragua	13 July 2022	Yes	Yes	
Panama	05 July 2022	Yes	Yes	
Thailand	23 June 2022	Yes	Yes	
Viet Nam	29 July 2022	Yes	Yes	

¹ Rev 1 replaces the version issued 19 August 2022 – some updates in Table 2

*Completed template due to be received by the Secretariat by 23 July 2022 CNM Financial Contributions for 2022

5. **Table 2** provides an update on payment of financial contributions for 2022 as at 20 September 2022.²

Table 2: Financial contributions from CNM for 2021 and 2022 as at 20 September 2022

COOPERATING NON-MEMBER	2021 assessed financial contribution	2021 payments	2022 assessed financial contribution	2022 payments
Curacao	19,081	19,006	20,170	20,170
Ecuador	43,863	43,863	46,090	46,050
El Salvador	20,282	20,256	20,904	20,904
Liberia	13,001	13,001	13,526	
Nicaragua	14,013	14,013	14,564	14,529
Panama	22,474	22,474	23,297	23,297
Thailand	19,472	19,472	19,868	19,868
Viet Nam	15,483	15,482	16,238	16,238

Information Relating to CNM Applications

- 5. The WCPFC18 Summary Report includes Commission decisions on applications for CNM status in 2022 (WCPFC18 Summary Report Issued 13 April 2022 | WCPFC Meetings).
- 6. Copies of letters and communications with CNM applicants on related WCPFC18 outcomes are provided on the CCM section of the WCPFC website referenced as **Attachment 1** (2022 Cooperating Non-Member Applications | WCPFC). Also available via this link is a copy of information submitted by CNM applicants in the .pdf form as a combined XLS format referenced as **Attachment 2** and each of the individual application forms and supporting letters, referenced as **Attachment 3**.
- 7. The Secretariat has prepared a draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2021 activities for the eight CNMs (Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Thailand and Viet Nam). Noting that at WCPFC18 the Commission, in extending the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMM 2021-03), also agreed to defer the Compliance Monitoring Report review process in 2022, this might be noted by TCC18 when the information for CNMs is considered.

Recommendation

8. TCC18 is invited to consider the requests for CNM status for 2023 and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop draft recommendations for TCC18 to consider.

² Please note any variation between the assessed contribution and payment relates to transfer fees.