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Purpose

1. The paper presents for the consideration and decision of TCC13 the requests received for grant of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2018.

Background

2. On 2 March 2017, the WCPFC Secretariat posted to the website an updated electronic form that incorporated the necessary amendment to the request form for WCPFC CNM status.² The form was updated in response to the WCPFC13 decision, as originally recommended by TCC12, to include a column in the CNM application template where CNM applicants could indicate their interest in becoming a member of the Commission.

2. On 16 March 2017, the WCPFC Secretariat sent to all 2017 CNM applicants, letters confirming the outcomes from WCPFC13 in regard to their CNM requests and the financial commitment expected from each CNM for 2017, and as applicable 2016. Attention was also drawn in the letter to the updated template electronic form to be used for requests for grant of CNM status in 2018.

3. To date, the Secretariat has received seven (7) requests for grant of CNM status in 2018, some were submitted using the 2017 version of the electronic pdf form (see **Table 1** below). A few CNM requests were submitted as scanned versions so were not able to be directly imported into a combined csv format. The Secretariat reproduced the submission from these CNMs into the correct e-format so as to allow for a complete combined csv format to be generated. A few requesting countries also provided a written cover letter to support their CNM request.

¹ Replaces the original paper that was issued on 2 September 2017. This version includes updates to Table 2.

² The form is posted on the WCPFC website at this link:-
<https://www.wcpfc.int/doc/commission-07b/cooperating-non-member-request-template>

4. **Table 2** provides an update on payment of financial contributions as at 1 September 2017.

Table 1: Dates of receipt for CNM requests received in 2017 (for 2018) as at 1 September 2017

APPLICANT	DATE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF CNM STATUS WAS RECEIVED (due 29 July 2017)	NOTES ON FORMAT OF REQUEST	
		E-form submitted and able to be directly imported (not pre-scanned)?	2017 version of template used?
Ecuador	1 September 2017	YES	NO
El Salvador	19 May 2017	NO	YES
Mexico	16 March 2017	YES	YES
Liberia	20 July 2017	YES	NO
Panama	31 July 2017	YES	YES
Thailand	27 July 2017	NO	YES
Vietnam	29 June 2017	YES	NO

Table 2. Notes on financial contributions from Cooperating Non-Members for 2016 and 2017 as at 25 September 2017

	2016 assessed financial contribution	2017 assessed financial contribution	2017 Payments	Date of receipt of last payment for 2017 contribution
Ecuador	Paid	41,475	41,410	18 September 17
El Salvador	Paid	34,095	34,060	22 March 17
Liberia	Paid	14,080	14,080	16 August 17
Mexico ³	28,946	29,045	28,876	19 September 17
Panama	Paid	22,659	22,659	14 April 17
Thailand	Paid	20,337	20,337	12 May 17
Vietnam	Paid	16,314	0	

5. A copy of the information that was submitted by CNM applicants is accessible to CCMs through their individual logins to the CCM section of the WCPFC website (<https://www.wcpfc.int/cooperating-non-members>) with the reference as **Attachment 3** to this paper. The information submitted on the pdf form, has been extracted and are provided as a combined CSV format with the reference as **Attachment 2** to this paper. Copies of letters and communications related to WCPFC13 outcomes are also provided on the CCM section with reference as **Attachment 1**.

³ The WCPFC notes Mexico has agreed to payment of the 2016 assessed financial contribution by June 30 2017 (payment in the first semester) and its 2017 assessed contribution by December 31 2017 (payment in the second semester).

6. The WCPFC Secretariat has prepared a draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2016 activities for seven current CNMs (Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Liberia, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam). As was the case in past years, the information for CNMs are expected to be considered alongside the draft Compliance Monitoring Reports of Members and Participating Territories, and as part of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme process (CMM 2015-07).

Recommendation

TCC13 is invited to consider the requests for CNM status for 2018 and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop draft recommendations for TCC13 to consider.
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