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**CNM REQUESTS FOR 2020**

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**Paper by the Secretariat**

**Purpose**

1. The paper presents for the consideration and decision of TCC15 the requests received for grant of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2020.

**Background**

2. On 8 February 2019, the Secretariat circulated a communication from Panama that was noted to be in reference to the WCPFC15 decision that granted CNM status to Panama (*WCPFC Circular 2019/05*).

3. On 28 March 2019, the Secretariat sent to all 2018 CNM applicants, letters confirming the outcomes from WCPFC15 in regard to their CNM requests and as applicable the financial commitment expected from each CNM for 2019. Attention was also drawn in the letter to the latest version of the electronic form to be used when requesting for grant of CNM status in 2020.<sup>1</sup>

**CNM requests for 2020**

4. To date, the Secretariat has received eight (8) requests for grant of CNM status in 2020 (see **Table 1** below). As has been the case, a few requesting countries also provided a written cover letter to support their CNM request. All CNM applicants have submitted an electronic form.

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<sup>1</sup> The form is posted on the WCPFC website at this link:- <https://www.wcpfc.int/doc/commission-07b/cooperating-non-member-request-template>

**Table 1: Dates of receipt for CNM requests received in 2019 (for 2020) as at 9 August 2019**

| APPLICANT   | DATE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF CNM STATUS WAS RECEIVED (due 2 August 2019) | NOTES ON FORMAT OF REQUEST   |                                |
|-------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
|             |   | E-form submitted and able to be directly imported (not pre-scanned)? | 2019 version of template used? |
| Curacao     | 26 July 2019  | YES  | YES                            |
| Ecuador     | 6 August 2019   | YES  | YES                            |
| El Salvador | 19 July 2019  | YES  | YES                            |
| Liberia     | 6 August 2019   | YES  | YES                            |
| Nicaragua   | 6 August 2019   | YES  | YES                            |
| Panama      | 29 June 2019  | YES  | YES                            |
| Thailand    | 2 July 2019   | YES  | YES                            |
| Vietnam     | 2 August 2019   | YES  | YES                            |

5. **Table 2** provides an update on payment of financial contributions for 2019 as at 6 August 2019.

**Table 2. Notes on financial contributions from Cooperating Non-Members for 2018 and 2019 as at 6 August 2019**

|             | 2018 assessed financial contribution | 2019 assessed financial contribution | 2019 Payments |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ecuador     | Paid                                 | 32,708                               |               |
| El Salvador | Paid                                 | 24,810                               | 24,722        |
| Liberia     | Paid                                 | 14,458                               | 14,458        |
| Nicaragua   | n/a                                  | 16,116                               |               |
| Panama      | Paid                                 | 23,559                               |               |
| Thailand    | Paid                                 | 21,042                               | 21,042        |
| Vietnam     | Paid                                 | 16,552                               |               |
|             |                                      | <b>149,245</b>                       | <b>60,222</b> |

6. A copy of the information that was submitted by CNM applicants is accessible to authorized CCM users through 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 are provided as a combined XLS format with the reference as **Attachment 2** to this paper. Copies of letters and communications related to WCPFC15 outcomes are also provided on the CCM section with reference as **Attachment 1**. A copy of the *WCPFC Circular 2019/05* is also provided on the CCM section.

7. The Secretariat has prepared a draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2018 activities for relevant six current CNMs (Ecuador, El Salvador, 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 2018-07).

### **Recommendation**

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| <p>8. TCC15 is invited to consider the requests for CNM status for 2020 and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop draft recommendations for TCC15 to consider.</p> |
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