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### Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide an update with regard to the Member States in arrears with their contributions, so that Council may make a recommendation to the General Assembly as to the possible application of Article 9 of the ICCROM Statutes (*Ref. doc: GA 30 agenda item 9*).

### 1. Introduction

All Member States receive an invoice and cover letter indicating their Government's annual contribution at the beginning of each year. The contribution shall be paid within thirty days from the receipt of the letter or the first day of the year to which the contribution relates, if the year begins after the expiration of the thirty days (*see ICCROM – Financial Regulations – April 2000*). In the case of Member States with arrears a statement of account is included with this correspondence. Twice during the year a reminder letter with an updated statement of account is sent out to those Member States with payment due for the current year and/or with arrears.

Arrears accrued in U. S. Dollars up to 31 December 2003 were converted, as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004, in Euro at the UN official exchange rate of US\$ 1 = Euro 0.801 in line with the provisions of Resolution 2 approved by the General Assembly XXIII Session 19 – 21 November 2003.

### 2. Application of sanctions as provided under Art. 9 of the Statutes

In accordance with the motion approved during the Twentieth session of ICCROM's General Assembly, only the contributions that fell due after the review of the Statutes in October 1993 should be taken into account in relation to Article 9.

#### Article 9 of the Statutes:

- a) *A Member State shall lose its right to vote in the General Assembly and its right to propose candidates for membership of the Council when the total amount of its contributions to ICCROM that have fallen due and that have not been paid, irrespective of the calendar year or years to which the contributions relate, exceeds the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year.*

Member State	Entry	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016	TOTAL IN EURO
BANGLADESH	2007			360	360	369	1 089
BRAZIL	1964			1 500	110 999	110 217	222 716
HONDURAS	1964	346	360	360		127	1 193
MALAWI	2013		150	360	360		870
<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>							<b>225 868</b>

- b) *A Member State that has omitted to pay its contributions that have fallen due during four consecutive calendar years shall also cease to be entitled to receive any services from ICCROM.*

The following Member States, have not paid their contributions during four consecutive calendar years, are at risk of losing their voting rights in the General Assembly, the right to propose candidatures for the Council, and the right to be entitled to receive services from ICCROM:

Member State	Entry	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016	TOTAL IN EURO
MAURITANIA	2009	359	359	360	360	360			1 798
VENEZUELA	1989			9 103	11 709	23 719	23 719	23 549	91 799
<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>									<b>93 597</b>

- c) *The membership of a Member State that has omitted to pay its contributions that have fallen due during six consecutive calendar years shall be suspended by the General Assembly. The General Assembly may nevertheless permit a Member State to exercise the aforementioned rights including the right to receive services from ICCROM, or decide not to suspend its membership, if it is satisfied that failure to pay is due to special circumstances beyond the Member State's control and a payment plan has been submitted. (Point (c) modified and in force as of 29 Nov. 2013 following XXVIII GA's decision.)*

Member State	Entry	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016	TOTAL IN EURO
MOZAMBIQUE	2004	244	360	360	360	360	369	2 053
SENEGAL	2006	359	360	360	360	360	369	2 168
<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>								<b>4 221</b>

### Special case:

- **Serbia and Montenegro** (entry 1959) has arrears amounting to US\$ 46 837 equivalent to Euro 37 516 for the years 1991-1996 and 1999.

Following the adoption and promulgation of the Constitutional Charter of Serbia and Montenegro by the Assembly of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 4 February 2003, as previously adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia on 27 January 2003 and by the Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro on 29 January 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has been changed to “Serbia and Montenegro”. The situation concerning the arrears in contributions of the former Republic of Yugoslavia is pending a decision by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the progress is being closely monitored. Serbia and Montenegro has, meanwhile, agreed to pay its contributions as of 21 November 2000, being the date on which it signed the Constitutional Act of UNESCO becoming a full Member State.

So far, the General Assembly of the United Nations has been deferring such a decision to later sessions. Serbia and Montenegro, being the successor state of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, has already indicated its agreement to pay a share of the total arrears, since it considers the other Federal States of the Former Republic to be equally liable, on a pro-rata basis, for the accrued arrears.

In this connection the General Assembly of ICCROM, at its XXIV session dated 9-11 November 2005, approved the following resolution:

*The arrears in contributions accumulated by the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, prior to the creation of the state of Serbia and Montenegro, should be suspended in a separate account, pending a decision by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the arrears in contributions of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations.*

In June 2006 the Republic of Serbia notified that the membership in ICCROM of Serbia and Montenegro would have been continued by the Republic of Serbia on the basis of the Declaration of Independence adopted by the National Assembly of Montenegro.

In August 2007 the Republic of Montenegro notified its membership to UNESCO and in September 2007 the Republic of Montenegro has adhered to ICCROM.