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Summary

This document provides an update with regard to the Member States in arrears with their contributions and the possible application of Article 9 of the ICCROM Statutes (Ref. doc: GA 31 agenda item 12). As of 24 October 2019, 6 Member States could lose their voting right and their right to propose candidate to the Council and 1 Member State is at risk of being suspended.

Action required

The General Assembly :

• Considering that the total amount of the contributions to ICCROM that have fallen due and that have not been paid by the Member States of Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Honduras, Rwanda, Tunisia and United Republic of Tanzania, exceeds the amount of their contributions payable for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year, takes note that, the Member States of Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Honduras, Rwanda, Tunisia and United Republic of Tanzania have lost their right to vote in the General Assembly and their right to propose candidates for membership of the Council;

• Considering that the Member State of Venezuela has omitted to pay its contributions that have fallen due during six consecutive calendar year, takes note that Venezuela shall be suspended from ICCROM.

Report on Assessed Contributions in arrears (Application of Article 9 of the Statutes)

SITUATION AS AT 24 OCTOBER 2019

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide an update with regard to the Member States in arrears with their contributions and the possible application of Article 9 of the ICCROM Statutes (*Ref. doc: GA 31 agenda item 12*).

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^{st} 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	Year 2017	Year 2018	TOTAL IN EURO
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	2005					960	960	1 108	3 028
CAMEROON	1995					443	443	369	1 255
HONDURAS	1964	346	360	360		127	159	179	1 531
RWANDA	2004					369	369	369	1 107
TUNISIA *	1969			1 368		1 366	1 366	1 072	5 172
UNITED REP. OF TANZANIA	2004					369	369	369	1 107
							GRAND TO	TAL IN EURO	13 00

* The Member State sent a communication to ICCROM on 18 October 2019, indicating that they would pay their arrears in full in 21 days.

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 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	TOTAL IN EURO
VENEZUELA	1989	9 103	11 709	23 719	23 719	23 549	23 549	21 504	136 852
GRAND TOTAL IN EURO						IN EURO	136 852		

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.

ANNEXES

MEMBER STATES IN ARREARS

3. Other Member States with outstanding contributions

For information only:

The following Member States are in good standing but have outstanding contributions

Member State	Entry date	Years 2010-2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	TOTAL IN EURO
ARGENTINA	1988				33.586	33.586
BANGLADESH	2007				369	369
COLOMBIA	1971			9.745	12.119	21.864
ESWATINI	2007			369	369	738
ETHIOPIA	1975				369	369
GAMBIA	1999			369	369	738
ISRAEL	1958			14.875	16.183	31.058
KUWAIT	1962				10.715	10.715
LAOS	2006				369	369
LEBANON	1958		1.587	1.587		3.174
MADAGASCAR	1963			363	369	732
MALAWI	2013				369	369
MAURITANIA	2009	359				359
MONGOLIA	2003				369	369
NIGERIA	1961		3.396	3.396	7.870	14.662
PERU	1962				5.136	5.136
YEMEN	2008			369	369	738
ZIMBABWE	1993				369	369
				TOTAL D	UE IN EURO	125.714

The following Member States are in good standing but have outstanding contribution for year 2019

Member State	Entry date	EURO
ALGERIA	1973	6.060
ARGENTINA	1988	33.586
BAHRAIN	2005	1.663
BARBADOS	1985	369
BELGIUM	1959	33.327
BRAZIL	1964	143.988
COLOMBIA	1971	12.119
EGYPT	1959	5.727
ESWATINI	2007	369
ETHIOPIA	1975	369
GAMBIA	1999	369
INDIA	1961	27.748
IRAN	1972	17.735
IRAQ	2011	4.840
ISRAEL	1958	16.183
KUWAIT	1962	10.715
LAOS	2006	369
LEBANON	1958	1.737
LESOTHO	2007	369
MADAGASCAR	1963	369
MALAWI	2013	369
MALAYSIA	1966	12.119
MALI	1989	369
MAURITANIA	2009	369
MONGOLIA	2003	369
MOROCCO	1958	2.032
MOZAMBIQUE	2003	369
NAMIBIA	1998	369
PAKISTAN	1963	3.510
PERU	1962	5.136
SEYCHELLES	2006	369
SYRIA	1959	887
URUGUAY	2002	2.993
YEMEN	2008	369
ZIMBABWE	1993	369
	TOTAL	348.009

As at 28 October 2019, the percentage of the Member States that paid the yearly contribution is of 89.77% of the total contribution requested for the year 2019 corresponding to Euro 3.322.382.