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Purpose

1. The paper presents for the consideration and decision of TCC12 the requests received for grant of Cooperating Non-Member status for 2017.

Background

2. On 4 March 2016, the WCPFC Secretariat sent to all 2016 Cooperating Non-Member applicants, letters confirming the outcomes from WCPFC12 in regard to their CNM request and where applicable, the financial commitment expected from each CNM for 2016. The link to the template electronic form to be used for CNM applications to renew status for 2017 was also provided: <https://www.wcpfc.int/doc/commission-07b/cooperating-non-member-request-template>.

3. To date, the Secretariat has received seven (7) requests for grant of Cooperating Non-Member status in 2017, all were submitted using the electronic pdf form (see **Table 1** below). A few requesting countries also provided a written cover letter to support their CNM request.

4. **Table 2** provides an update on payment of financial contributions. A few CNM requests were submitted as scanned versions of an earlier submission, 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.

¹ Rev 1 includes an update to Table 2

Table 1: Dates of receipt for CNM requests received in 2016 (for 2017) as at 20 August 2016

APPLICANT	DATE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF CNM STATUS WAS RECEIVED(due 23 July 2016)	
	As written letter of request ²	As completed electronic pdf form
Ecuador		2 July 2016
El Salvador	28 June 2016	28 June 2016
Mexico		6 April 2016
Liberia		11 August 2016
Panama		29 Feb 2016
Thailand	22 July 2016	22 July 2016
Vietnam	12 July 2016	12 July 2016

Table 2. Notes on financial contributions from Cooperating Non-Members for 2015 and 2016 as at 29 August 2016

	2015 assessed financial contribution	2016 assessed financial contribution	2016 Payments	Date of receipt of last payment for 2016
Ecuador	Paid	45,895	35,599	29 August, 2016
El Salvador	Paid	30,276	30,241	15 March, 2016
Liberia	Paid	13,865	13,865	9 August, 2016
Mexico	Paid	28,946		
Panama	Paid	21,667	21,667	25 April, 2016
Thailand	Paid	20,032		
Vietnam	Paid	15,930		

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 WCPFC12 outcomes are also provided on the CCM section with reference as **Attachment 1**.

6. The WCPFC Secretariat has prepared a draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2015 activities for seven current Cooperating Non-Members (Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Liberia, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam). As was the case in past years, the information for Cooperating Non-Members 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).

² Copies of these cover letters to the electronic pdf form are attached as Att 1

Recommendation

TCC12 is invited to consider the requests for CNM status for 2017 and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop a draft recommendations for TCC12 to consider.
