



Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area, concluded under the auspices of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

Accord sur la Conservation des Cétacés de la Mer Noire, de la Méditerranée et de la zone Atlantique adjacente, conclu sous l'égide de la Convention sur la Conservation des Espèces Migratrices appartenant à la Faune Sauvage (CMS)



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Note of the Secretariat

According to Article 14, 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, "Representatives of Parties which are three or more years behind in paying their subscriptions on the date of the opening session of the Meeting of the Parties shall not be eligible to vote. However, the Meeting of the Parties may allow such Parties to continue to exercise their right to vote if it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional circumstances."

In September 2019, the following Countries are more than three years behind in paying their ordinary contributions are Libya and Syria

The ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau (18-19 April 2019, Monaco) recommended that these Countries provide the Secretariat with a formal letter explaining the "exceptional circumstances" arising the delay in payment.

In October 2019, the Permanent Secretariat has received the letter from Libya, presented in this document.

Parties will be invited to examine this document and decide if Libya will have the right to vote during the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS.

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Note du Secrétariat

En accord avec l'Article 14.2 du Règlement Intérieur de la MOP " Les Représentants des Parties qui ont un retard de trois ans ou plus dans le versement de leur contribution à la date de la séance d'ouverture de la Réunion des Parties ne sont pas autorisés à voter. Cependant, la Réunion des Parties peut leur permettre de continuer d'exercer leur droit de vote s'il est entendu que le retard du règlement résulte de circonstances exceptionnelles."

En septembre 2019, les Pays ayant ont un retard de plus de trois dans le versement de leur contribution ordinaire sont la Libye et la Syrie.

Le Bureau Etendu de l'ACCOBAMS (18-19 avril 2019, Monaco) a recommandé que ces Pays fournissent une lettre officielle au Secrétariat exposant les « circonstances exceptionnelles » expliquant ce retard de paiement.

En octobre 2019, le Secrétariat Permanent a reçu la lettre de la Libye, présentée dans ce document.

Les Parties vont être invitées à examiner ce document et décider si la Libye aura le droit de vote durant la Septième Réunion des Parties à l'ACCOBAMS.

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Letter from Libya / Lettre de la Libye

State of Libya
The prime minister
Environment General Authority



دولة ليبيا
مجلس رئاسة الوزراء
الهيئة العامة للبيئة

Date 17/10/2019

To: ACCOBAMS Agreements Secretariat

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Environment General Authority of Libya (EGA) presents its compliments to the ACCOBAMS Secretariat.

Recalling the contributions of Libya, as one of the parties to the ACCOBAMS Agreements, which has not been paid. We would like to inform you that, the reason for the inability of the Libyan government to pay these contributions is due to what has happened and is still happening as a result of the political instability of the state institutions since 2014, and the failure to adopt adequate annual budgets for ministries and limited to salaries and some operating expenses only.

The lack of sufficient financial resources allocated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has failed to meet the requirements for contributions required for all obligations to be paid by the Libyan State to regional and international organizations and the accumulation of contributions, including ACCOBAMS Agreements.

The EGA has made efforts for long to find solutions to these late contributions, where the Department of Contributions and the Management of International Organizations at Ministry of Foreign Affairs were sending correspondences several and met times the importance of payment of these arrears.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs understanding of the situation and has pledged to pay the contribution as for arrears, it will be scheduled to be paid periodically during the subsequent period.

We understand the claims received by the EGA on this issue, we will exert more effort and pressure on the Ministry to take procedures for payment of contributions as soon as possible.

Finally, we thank you in advance for your most valuable support, your patience and your efforts to find a solution to this issue and take this opportunity to assure the ACCOBAMS Agreements for its highest consideration.



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