

Comité de Finanzas y Administración  
59.<sup>a</sup> reunión  
7 septiembre 2023  
Londres, Reino Unido

Rusia

**Pago de adeudos al presupuesto  
administrativo**

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### Antecedentes

1. Como se indicó en el documento [FA-356/23](#), la Federación de Rusia tiene actualmente contribuciones pendientes para los años cafeteros 2021/22 y 2022/23 (GBP 76,240 y GBP 98,032, respectivamente). Rusia ha afirmado que esto se debe a las sanciones financieras impuestas por el Gobierno del Reino Unido.
2. Como resultado, después del año cafetero 2022/23, la afiliación de Rusia se suspenderá temporalmente, de conformidad con el artículo 21 del Acuerdo Internacional del Café de 2007 y la [Resolución 470](#) del Consejo Internacional del Café (CIC).
3. La Secretaría propuso previamente que Rusia utilizase la licencia concedida por la Oficina de Implementación de Sanciones (OFSI) del Gobierno del Reino Unido para efectuar un pago a la OIC.
4. El Gobierno ruso informó posteriormente a la Secretaría que la propuesta de la OIC había sido presentada a su alta autoridad para obtener una decisión sobre la posibilidad de efectuar un pago utilizando la mencionada licencia.
5. El 6 de septiembre de 2023, el Director Adjunto del Ministerio de Desarrollo Económico de Rusia remitió una carta a la OIC (véase el **ANEXO I**), en la que destacaba que Rusia siempre había cumplido puntualmente con sus obligaciones financieras.
6. A la luz de lo que antecede y de las sanciones mencionadas, Rusia solicita que el CIC apruebe su afiliación para el año cafetero 2023/24 y que, en su próximo período de sesiones, vuelva a examinar las deliberaciones sobre el traslado de la sede de la OIC del Reino Unido.

### Medidas que se solicitan

Se pide al Comité que examine si esta propuesta es aceptable y que formule una recomendación al Consejo en relación con la afiliación de Rusia, teniendo en cuenta los esfuerzos que está realizando el país para abonar sus contribuciones pendientes.

6 September 2023

Mr. Massimiliano Fabian  
Chairman of International Coffee Council  
for the 2022/23 coffee year

Dear Mr. Massimiliano Fabian,

In anticipation of the 136<sup>th</sup> session of the International Coffee Council to be held on 25-29 September 2023 the Russian Federation sends its petition regarding the request to the International Coffee Council to approve its ICO membership for the 2023/24 coffee year due to ongoing issue with payment of contributions to the ICO caused by financial sanctions that the UK government imposed on Russia in 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Alexander Dyukarev  
Deputy Director  
Ministry of Economic Development  
Russian Federation



**Petition of the Russian Federation**  
regarding the request to the International Coffee Council  
to approve its ICO membership for the 2023/24 coffee year  
*6 September 2023*

**TO:** All Members of the International Coffee Organisation

The Russian Federation presents its highest consideration to Members of the International Coffee Organisation (hereinafter referred to as the ICO), the ICO Secretariat and Chairman of the International Coffee Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) and submits its petition regarding the request to the Council to approve on Russia's ICO membership for the 2023/24 coffee year.

According to Article 20 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, during the second half of each financial year, the Council shall approve the Administrative Budget of the ICO for the following financial year and shall assess the contribution of each Member to that Budget. According to Article 21, contribution to the Administrative Budget shall become due on the first day of that financial year and each Member is expected to pay its full contribution within six months of the date on which the contribution is due.

The Russian Federation has never rejected its financial obligations to the ICO and has always fulfilled them in due time. However, financial sanctions that the UK government imposed on Russia in 2022 created obstacles to paying Russia's contributions to the ICO for 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years (GBP 174,272 in total).

From 2022 to the present, the Russian Federation together with the ICO Secretariat have been looking for workable options to pay contributions for the indicated period. As of now, we are working on a pilot transfer using a special license of the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (hereinafter referred to as the OFSI) which provides Russia with an exemption to the UK's financial sanctions regime within a one-year period.

Although the OFSI license has been issued on 14 July 2023, the technical negotiations between all parties involved into the pilot scheme are still in progress and will take more time. In this context, the Russian Federation would like to reaffirm the intention to fulfill its financial obligations to the ICO once it is technically possible and therefore request the Council to approve its ICO membership for the 2023/24 coffee year.

At the same time, payment of annual contributions using the OFSI license is a case-by-case option and cannot be considered resilient in the long term. In regard of the above as well as considering the active role of developing countries at the global coffee market, Russia suggests that it is timely for the Council to revisit the discussion on potential moving the ICO headquarters from the UK to one of the developing countries during its upcoming session.