

Comité des finances et de l'administration
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Londres (Royaume-Uni)

Russie**Païement des arriérés de
contributions au budget administratif**

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Contexte

1. Comme indiqué dans le document [FA-356/23](#), la Fédération de Russie a des arriérés pour les années caféières 2021/22 et 2022/23 (GBP 76,240 et GBP 98,032, respectivement). La Russie a déclaré que cela était dû aux sanctions financières imposées par le gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.
2. En conséquence, après l'année caféière 2022/23, la qualité de Membre du pays sera temporairement suspendue conformément à l'article 21 de l'Accord international de 2007 sur le café et à la [Résolution 470](#) du Conseil international du café (CIC).
3. Le Secrétariat a précédemment proposé que la Russie utilise la licence accordée par l'Office of Financial Implementation Sanction (OFSI) du gouvernement du Royaume-Uni pour effectuer un paiement à l'OIC.
4. Le gouvernement russe a par la suite informé le Secrétariat que la proposition de l'OIC avait été présentée à sa haute autorité afin d'obtenir une décision sur l'opportunité d'effectuer un paiement en utilisant ladite licence.
5. Le 6 septembre 2023, le Directeur adjoint du Ministère russe du développement économique a envoyé une lettre à l'OIC (voir l'**ANNEXE I** ci-jointe), dans laquelle il soulignait que la Russie avait toujours respecté ses obligations financières à l'égard de l'OIC.
6. Compte tenu de ce qui précède et des sanctions susmentionnées, la Russie demande au CIC d'approuver sa qualité de Membre pour l'année caféière 2023/24 et de réexaminer les discussions, lors de sa prochaine session, sur le transfert du siège de l'OIC hors du Royaume-Uni.

Mesure à prendre

Le Comité est invité à examiner si cette proposition est acceptable, et à faire une recommandation au Conseil en ce qui concerne le maintien de la qualité de Membre de la Russie, compte tenu des efforts déployés par le pays pour rembourser lesdits arriérés.

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 136th 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,

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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.