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Rússia

**Pagamento de contribuições em atraso
ao Orçamento Administrativo**

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Antecedentes

1. Como indicado no documento [FA-356/23](#), a Federação Russa atualmente tem contribuições pendentes para os anos cafeeiros 2021/22 e 2022/23 (GBP 76,240 e GBP 98,032, respectivamente). A Rússia afirmou que isso se deve às sanções financeiras impostas pelo governo do Reino Unido.
2. Como resultado, depois do ano cafeeiro 2022/23, o status de Membro da Rússia será temporariamente suspenso, nos termos do Artigo 21 do Acordo Internacional do Café de 2007 e da Resolução 470 do Conselho Internacional do Café (CIC).
3. A Secretaria propôs anteriormente que a Rússia usasse a licença concedida pelo Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) do governo do Reino Unido para fazer um pagamento à OIC.
4. Posteriormente, o Governo russo informou à Secretaria que a proposta da OIC havia sido apresentada à sua alta autoridade para obter uma decisão sobre a possibilidade de fazer um pagamento usando a referida licença.
5. Em 6 de setembro de 2023, o Diretor-Adjunto do Ministério do Desenvolvimento Econômico da Rússia enviou uma carta à OIC (ver **ANEXO I**), destacando que a Rússia sempre cumpriu pontualmente com suas obrigações financeiras para com a OIC.
6. Em vista do exposto acima e das sanções mencionadas, a Rússia solicita que o CIC aprove seu status de Membro para o ano cafeeiro de 2023/24 e que, em sua próxima sessão, volte a examinar as discussões sobre a transferência da sede da OIC do Reino Unido.

Ação

Solicita-se ao Comitê que aprecie se esta proposta é aceitável e que faça uma recomendação ao Conselho sobre a retenção de sua condição de Membro, em vista dos esforços do país para pagar suas contribuições em atraso.

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,

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.