



PROGRESS ON REQUESTS FOR ACTION MADE BY THE SCAF IN 2023

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PURPOSE

To provide the SCAF with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period on its requests for action made to the Secretariat during its 20th session in 2023.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the SCAF made 5 specific requests for action that involved the Secretariat. 5 of those requests have been completed. The requests are listed below.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the SCAF:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2024-SCAF21-03 which provided the SCAF with information on the progress made during the inter-sessional period on the requests for action made at its 20th Session in 2023.
- 2) **CONSIDER** whether any of the requests for action need further instructions or guidance.

Action requested by SCAF20		Status
P = SCAF20 Report paragraph number. Except where otherwise stated.		
P16	Pakistan informed the SCAF that there is a potential error in the outstanding amount of its membership contribution. The SCAF REQUESTED that the Secretariat work with Pakistan and FAO to rectify this ongoing issue.	Completed. Detailed information was obtained from FAO and forwarded to Pakistan
P21	Madagascar informed the SCAF that it made several payments in 2022; however, one of the payments apparently has not been received. The SCAF REQUESTED that the Secretariat work with Madagascar to clarify this matter.	Completed. Additional information was provided by FAO regarding the payments received and this was forwarded to Madagascar.
P23	The SCAF REQUESTED the Executive Secretary to contact Eritrea and other ex-Members with a view to settling their outstanding contributions.	Completed. Call for Funds letters were sent out to all ex-members, reminding them of their outstanding contributions.
P25	The SCAF REQUESTED the Secretariat to provide a document describing the process for invoicing and receiving contributions to SCAF21, given such information could provide solutions to the current issues being experienced by Members with payments.	Completed See document IOTC-2024-SCAF21-09 - <i>Process for Invoicing and Receiving Contributions</i>
P52	The SCAF NOTED with concern the significant increased budget lines determined by FAO rules i.e the FAO entitlement fund, FAO servicing costs, and beyond control of the IOTC, and REQUESTED that the Commission consider resuming the discussion on leaving FAO.	Ongoing This was raised at the Commission but no further action was agreed.
P97 (S27)	The Commission REQUESTED the Executive Secretary consult with the TCAC Chairperson and find some work options that would result in the budget being reduced, and suggest these to the Heads of Delegation for consideration and intersessional approval.	Ongoing The TCAC chair resigned in 2023 and the position is currently vacant. The process for replacing the previous chair is being discussed by the TCAC and will be agreed at S28.