



CCSBT-EC/1110/14

Cooperating Non-members

Purpose

To discuss the on-going status of existing Cooperating Non-Members.

Discussion

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Membership requires annual confirmation of that status after evaluation by the Extended Commission (EC) of the performance of Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) against commitments given to the Extended Commission.

In the past, the Secretariat has provided a brief summary of the performance of each CNM for the EC's consideration. However, the Compliance Committee now conducts annual assessments of compliance with CCSBT management measures. Consequently, for information concerning any significant issues of non-compliance by CNMs, the EC is referred to the report of the annual meeting of the Compliance Committee, which is being held immediately before the annual meeting of the EC.

In the interim, Attachments A and C of paper CCSBT-CC/1110/04 provide information concerning the compliance of both Members and CNMs with CCSBT measures (particularly reporting requirements and the TAC). These attachments indicate that there are some areas of non-compliance or late/partial-compliance by CNMs. However, the Secretariat's perception is that, in comparison with previous years, there has been an improvement in compliance by CNMs for the evaluated measures.