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1. On 12 June 2014, the WCPFC Secretariat sent out to all 2014 Cooperating Non-Members, a smart-pdf form to use for submitting their CNM requests. The form was developed by the Secretariat and reviewed by the 2013 co-Chairs of the WCPFC CNM small working group. This initiative was undertaken by the Secretariat taking on board the suggestion from TCC9 and WCPFC10 that the Secretariat should develop a template to assist the small working group on Cooperating Non-Members with its work during TCC and WCPFC meetings. The form was also subsequently provided to any other prospective Cooperating Non-Members that corresponded with the Secretariat during 2014. Countries were requested to complete the form as part of their requests for CNM status for 2015 (CMM 2009-11 paragraph 2). A copy of the pdf form is provided as Attachment 1 (Att 1).
2. To date, the Secretariat has received seven (7) requests for grant of Cooperating Non-Member status from WCPFC in 2015, using the electronic pdf form (see Table 1 on next page). A few requesting countries also provided a written cover letter to support their CNM request. On 21 June 2014 Belize advised WCPFC that they do not wish to be considered for Cooperating Non-Member renewal in 2015.
3. A copy of the information that was submitted by CNM applicants is accessible to CCMs through their individual logins to the CCM section of the WCPFC website (<https://www.wcpfc.int/2014-cooperating-non-member-applications>). The information submitted on the pdf form, has been extracted and is provided in a combined CSV file with the reference as Attachment 2 to this paper. Copies of supporting letters from some of the CNM applicants, including Belize's advice that it will not request renewal of CNM status in 2015, are also provided on the CCM section as Attachment 3.

4. The WCPFC Secretariat has prepared a draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2013 activities for all eight current Cooperating Non-Members (Belize, DPRK, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam). As was the case in past years, the information for Cooperating Non-Members are expected to be considered alongside the draft Compliance Monitoring Reports of Members and Participating Territories, and as part of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme process (CMM 2013-02).

TCC10 is invited to consider the requests for CNM status for 2015 and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop a draft recommendations for TCC10 to consider.

TCC10 may also consider providing advice and recommendations about the suitability of the pdf form approach for future requests for CNM status.

Table 1: Dates of receipt for CNM requestss received in 2014 (for 2015)

APPLICANT	DATE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF CNM STATUS WAS RECEIVED(due 28 July 2014)	
	As written letter of request ¹	As completed electronic pdf form
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)		
Ecuador		2 July 2014
El Salvador	10 June 2014	3 July 2014
Mexico		28 July 2014
Liberia	21 August 2014	22 August 2014
Panama		
Senegal	22 May 2014	23 July 2014
Thailand		25 July 2014
Vietnam	17 July 2014	17 July 2014

****At the time of writing the Secretariat had not received an application from DPRK and Panama to renew CNM status for 2014**

¹ Copies of these cover letters to the electronic pdf form are attached as Att 3