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## 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (FAC)

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### FAC 13 – Doc 12 Spanish Interpretation Fund *Secretariat*

#### 1. Summary and Recommendations

This document summarises the status of the SPRFMO Spanish Interpretation Fund.

The FAC is invited to:

- **Note** that the balance of the Spanish Interpretation Fund is NZD 688.95, from one Member voluntary contribution.
- **Encourage** voluntary contributions from Members, CNCPs, observer organizations, and other interested entities.

#### 2. Fund Purpose and Reporting

The SPRFMO Financial Regulations establish a Spanish Interpretation (SI) Fund and set out the framework for its administration. The purpose of the SI Fund is to facilitate the effective participation of Spanish-speaking Contracting Parties in the work of the Commission by ensuring access to simultaneous Spanish interpretation during meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies (Regulation 6 and Annex 2).

The Executive Secretary is required to report annually to the Commission on the status of the Fund, including the amounts used to provide Spanish interpretation services at meetings, details of related expenditures, and the level of available funds, during the annual session of the Commission.

#### 3. Fund Status and Use

The Financial Regulations were amended by the Commission at COMM13 in February 2025 to establish the Spanish Interpretation Fund. Following this amendment, the Secretariat established a dedicated account for the Fund within its banking and accounting systems to ensure the proper maintenance of records and accounts, in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Regulations (Annex 2, paragraph 5).

At the end of the 2024/25 financial year, Ecuador made a voluntary contribution of NZD 688.95 to the Fund. As at the date of this report, no requests have been received to access the Fund.