

**Review the support available to member associations facing unforeseen  
circumstances**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper reviews the support available to Member Associations (MAs) facing unforeseen circumstances. It summarizes the mechanisms currently available for MAs facing financial difficulties and the tools at Directors' disposal to address such circumstances.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 According to IAM para 2.2.1 (2025), the CFC was established to assist MA, including those suspended for failure to pay their subscriptions or other debt, in meeting their financial obligations to the Federation. It applies either wholly or in part to allow affiliation or to alleviate the suspension or expulsion of the MA.
- 1.2 Every Member Association can voluntarily contribute to this fund.
- 1.3 According to the IAM 2025, any Member Association wishing to use this fund to establish or maintain membership in IFATCA shall make its case for a given year in writing through the Executive Board (Office or respective EVP/R) to the Directors at Conference. The Executive Board shall produce a working paper presenting a draft recommendation for each application seeking approval from the Directors. The working paper will contain a recommendation to either approve or deny the application. The EVP/R, through the Executive Board, may, at their discretion, propose the use of the fund for a particular Member Association. The Directors shall make a decision, taking into account the Executive Board's recommendation, subject to the availability of funds.
- 1.4 In unavoidable circumstances, such as, but not limited to, war and conflict, MAs who suffer a long-term reduction in financial capacity or the ability to pay their subscriptions are currently limited to a maximum of 3 consecutive years of access to the FCF, as defined within the IAM.

**2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1. A proposal was laid on the floor of the conference in Abu Dhabi by the EVP of Europe to consider downgrading an MA (Member Association) experiencing war to Category 3 membership.

- 2.2. Category 3 MAs paid \$7.47 per capita in 2025/2026. The subscription is revised every even-numbered year by applying the average inflation factor.
- 2.3. As a reference, Category 1 and Category 2 subscription increases are applied every year using the average inflation factor to the most recent term. A tier factor applies to Category 1 members (\$22.19 for the first 300 members), while Category 2 members pay a flat rate of \$13.05.
- 2.4. This proposal will reduce the subscription obligations for Member Associations that support those affected by war or are funded through the Financial Circumstances Fund.
- 2.5. This proposal, while well-intentioned, may not be suitable for all situations.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1. Cases of force majeure are exceptional and unique in their nature. It is not possible to design bylaws that cover all circumstances. It is the view of FIC that instead of relying on downgrading, directors consider temporal relief mechanism as provided in the IAM allowing the affected MAs remain engaged while they recover from the extraordinary disputation and that the authority conferred by the IAM on Directors is sufficient.
- 3.2. The IAM already contains provisions that entitle Directors to support MAs. (IAM, Article 5, paragraph 3.1 refers).

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1. This paper is accepted as information.

### **5. REFERENCES**

- 5.1 IFATCA Administration Manual 2025

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