Application of Portugal for Full Membership

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Summary
See attached application.

Recommendation
The Delegates consider the application of Portugal for Full Membership in SCAR.

Summary Budget 2017 to 2020
No budget implications other than the change in Portugal’s Membership fees.
Faro, 23 June 2018
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It has been 10 years since Portugal signed the Antarctic Treaty and 12 years since Portugal was accepted as an Associate Member.

Since then, Portugal has signed the Madrid Protocol; it is annually represented at the ATCM for the last 5 years, an observer in COMNAP and applying for membership shortly.

Portugal has developed its own small Antarctic programme (Propolar) which sends every year 20-30 scientists to the Antarctica and contributes to international logistics.

Portugal has been an active member of the international community, participating in SCAR Working Groups and with many scientific collaborations between Portuguese polar scientists and scientists from many countries.

Portugal signed bilateral agreements and collaborates with government ministries and Antarctic institutes of Spain, UK, Chile, Brazil, China, Italy, Korea, Argentina, USA and Bulgaria.

Therefore, as indicated at the previous SCAR delegates meeting in Kuala Lampur, 2016, the SCAR National Committee of Portugal is requesting that Portugal becomes a full member of SCAR as from the present meeting in Davos.

Yours sincerely

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