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Russian Federation: Accession to the Food Assistance Convention

On 3 April 2014, the Russian Federation acceded to the Food Assistance Convention, bringing the total number of members to nine. Russia's initial minimum annual commitment in 2014 will be US\$15m.

On signing the decree in February 2014, the Russian Cabinet said

“Russia's participation in the Convention will emphasize its status as a donor country and confirm its intention to fulfill decisions taken on providing assistance in ensuring global food security and the fight against hunger in the world.”

The commitments of the Parties to the Food Assistance Convention are set out below:

Donor	Commitments in 2014
Austria	€1.495m.
Canada	C\$250m.
Denmark	DKK185m.
European Union	€300m.
Finland	€6m.
Japan	JPY10bn.
Russia	US\$15m.
Switzerland	CHF34m.
United States of America	US\$1.6bn.

The Food Assistance Convention is open for accession by all food assistance-providing countries, including new States who were not party to the Food Aid Convention, 1999.

For more information on the Food Assistance Convention see: www.foodassistanceconvention.org

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