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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

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1. This document contains an updated version of part two of document WO/GA/41/2 concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards the working capital funds.

ARREARS IN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Except for Arrears of the Least Developed Countries, Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990)

2. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on September 10, 2012, under the unitary contribution system which has been applicable since January 1, 1994, and under the previously applicable contribution systems of the six Contribution-financed Unions (Paris, Berne, IPC, Nice, Locarno, Vienna) and of WIPO (for States that are members of WIPO but not members of any of the Unions), with the exception of arrears in contributions of the least developed countries (LDCs) concerning the years preceding 1990, placed in a special (frozen) account, which are not shown in this table but are shown in the table in paragraph 5 below.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Afghanistan	Unitary	12		1 424	0.02
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina		No arrears			
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain		No arrears			
Bangladesh	Unitary	12		1 424	0.02
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium	Unitary	12*		156 192	2.72
Belize		No arrears			
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12		28 490	0.50
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	12		91 158	1.59
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso		No arrears			
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	42 183	0.74
Cambodia		No arrears			
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Cape Verde	Unitary	11+12		5 698	0.10
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	49 643	0.87
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	49 643	0.87
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11+12		9 968	0.17
Congo		No arrears			
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	61 374		
	Paris	92+93	27 597		
	Berne	91*+92+93	17 635	106 606	1.86
Croatia	Unitary	12		22 789	0.40
Cuba		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Cyprus		No arrears			
Czech Republic		No arrears			
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	28 907 159 959 90 326	279 192	4.86
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12		14 240	0.25
Dominica	Unitary	10+11+12		8 547	0.15
Dominican Republic	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12 69*+70+71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	92 702 943 491	1 036 193	18.06
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	10+11+12		4 272	0.07
Eritrea		No arrears			
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12 87+88+89+90+91+92+93 86*+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	61 374 147 687 98 703	307 764	5.36
Gambia	Unitary	10+11+12		4 272	0.07
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece		No arrears			
Grenada	Unitary	10+11+12		8 547	0.15
Guatemala		No arrears			
Guinea	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	28 907 13 276 7 460	49 643	0.87
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12 90+91+92+93 92+93	28 907 13 276 3 858	46 041	0.80
Guyana	Unitary	12*		1 250	0.02
Haiti	Unitary	12		1 424	0.02
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	11+12		5 698	0.10
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	12		5 697	0.10
Ireland		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Israel		No arrears			
Italy	Unitary	12*		6 756	0.12
Jamaica	Unitary	12		2 849	0.05
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kuwait	Unitary	12		11 395	0.20
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon ¹	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+12	52 127		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	64 819		
	Berne	89*+90+91+92+93	123 694		
	Nice	89+90+91+92+93	7 532	248 172	4.32
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	04*+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12		72 287	1.26
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania		No arrears			
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	10+11+12		4 272	0.07
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	11*+12		2 029	0.04
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	49 643	0.87
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12		20 196	0.35
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar		No arrears			
Namibia		No arrears			
Nepal	Unitary	11+12		2 848	0.05
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	12*		1 671	0.03

¹ Installment plan concluded in July 2006 in order to settle the arrears of the Paris, Berne and Nice Unions and under the unitary contribution system by ten yearly installments. The first installment payment was received during the year 2007.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	11 512		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	47 879	0.83
Nigeria	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	313 189		
	Paris	91*+92+93	237 156	550 345	9.59
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	12*		4 215	0.07
Papua New Guinea		No arrears			
Paraguay	Unitary	12		2 849	0.05
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar		No arrears			
Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation		No arrears			
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	12		2 849	0.05
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia	Unitary	12		45 579	0.79
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01	847 668		
	Paris	93*	79 996		
	Berne	91+92+93	135 984		
	Nice	93	6 447		
	Locarno	93	2 247	1 072 342	18.69
Seychelles		No arrears			
Sierra Leone		No arrears			
Singapore		No arrears			
Slovakia		No arrears			
Slovenia		No arrears			
Somalia	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	4 452	33 359	0.58
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain		No arrears			
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname		No arrears			
Swaziland	Unitary	12		2 849	0.05
Sweden		No arrears			
Switzerland		No arrears			
Syrian Arab Republic		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	% of Total Arrears
Tajikistan		No arrears		
Thailand		No arrears		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		No arrears		
Togo	Unitary	01*+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	16 504	0.29
Tonga		No arrears		
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears		
Tunisia		No arrears		
Turkey	Unitary	12*	32 558	0.57
Turkmenistan		No arrears		
Uganda		No arrears		
Ukraine		No arrears		
United Arab Emirates		No arrears		
United Kingdom		No arrears		
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears		
United States of America	Unitary	12	1 139 475	19.86
Uruguay	Unitary	12	5 697	0.10
Uzbekistan		No arrears		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	11*+12	21 526	0.38
Viet Nam		No arrears		
Yemen	Unitary	12*	210	0.00
Zambia		No arrears		
Zimbabwe		No arrears		

Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		3 458 301	
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		2 280 051	
Grand Total		5 738 352	100.00 %

Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 10, 2012, about 5.7 million Swiss francs, of which 3.4 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 2.3 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 32.7 per cent of the amount of the contributions payable for 2012, namely, 17.5 million Swiss francs.

4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 10 and October 1, 2012, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

**Arrears in Annual Contributions of the Least Developed Countries
Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990**

5. It is recalled that, in accordance with the decision taken by the WIPO Conference and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions at their 1991 ordinary sessions, the amount of the arrears in contributions of any least developed country (LDC) relating to years preceding 1990 was placed in a special account, the amount of which was frozen as of December 31, 1989 (documents AB/XXII/20 and AB/XXII/22, paragraph 127). Such arrears in contributions, as of September 10, 2012, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 10 and October 1, 2012, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Burkina Faso	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	214 924		8.04
	Berne	77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	137 566	352 490	
Burundi	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		214 738	4.90
Central African Republic	Paris	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	273 509		8.86
	Berne	77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	114 858	388 367	
Chad	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	250 957		9.29
	Berne	72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	156 387	407 344	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	500 200		18.28
	Berne	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	301 015	801 215	
Gambia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.26
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779		5.25
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293	230 072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris	89		23 213	0.53
Haiti	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		347 037	7.91
Mali	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		6.76
	Berne	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	163 926	296 303	
Mauritania	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219 120		8.43
	Berne	74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	150 618	369 738	
Niger	Paris	81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	179 097		6.59
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	109 915	289 012	
Somalia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.26
Togo	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		5.02
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87 785	220 162	
Uganda	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		168 885	3.85
United Republic of Tanzania	Paris	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89		145 846	3.33
Yemen	WIPO	87*+88+89		19 142	0.44

Total amount of arrears

Paris	2 951 059	
Berne	1 303 363	
WIPO	129 642	
Grand Total	4 384 064	100.00 %

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

6. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 10, 2012, in the payments by States towards the working capital funds that have been constituted, namely, those of two Contribution-financed Unions (Paris and Berne). Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 10 and October 1, 2012, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Union	Amount due (Swiss francs)	
Burundi	Paris		7 508
Central African Republic	Paris		943
Chad	Paris	6 377	
	Berne	1 980	8 357
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	14 057	
	Berne	1 727	15 784
Guinea	Paris	7 508	
	Berne	2 915	10 423
Mauritania	Paris		1 854

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	38 247
Berne Union	6 622
Grand Total	44 869

Evolution of Arrears in Contributions and Working Capital Funds Over the Last Fifteen Years

7. Since the introduction of the unitary contribution system in 1994 and the creation of new, more equitable contribution classes for the developing countries, the arrears in contributions have been reduced significantly. This reduction is partly explained by the total amount of contributions invoiced, which declined considerably between the years 1997 and 2011.

8. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 1997.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	“Frozen” arrears	WCF	Total
1997	4.98	6.43	4.71	0.10	16.22
1998	4.21	6.20	4.70	0.09	15.20
1999	3.90	5.71	4.68	0.09	14.38
2000	4.94	5.43	4.68	0.09	15.14
2001	3.87	5.00	4.68	0.08	13.63
2002	3.04	4.34	4.64	0.08	12.10
2003	4.37	4.09	4.63	0.08	13.17
2004	3.09	3.92	4.63	0.08	11.72
2005	3.40	3.84	4.58	0.07	11.89
2006	4.10	3.79	4.54	0.06	12.49
2007	2.86	3.64	4.54	0.06	11.10
2008	2.38	3.07	4.45	0.05	9.90
2009	2.15	2.55	4.44	0.05	9.19
2010	3.12	2.43	4.41	0.04	10.00
2011	2.75	2.37	4.39	0.04	9.55

9. *The WIPO General Assembly is invited to take note of the status of the payment of contributions and of working capital funds on September 10, 2012.*

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