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#### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2012**

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1. This document contains information concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards the working capital funds.

2. *The Program and Budget Committee is invited to recommend to the General Assembly of WIPO to take note of the contents of this document.*

[Status of Contributions follows]

## ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

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

1. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on June 30, 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 members of WIPO 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 4 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	Unitary	12		58 599	0.88
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	2.34
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	0.43
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	12		91 158	1.36
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	0.63
Cambodia	Unitary	12		1 424	0.02
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Cape Verde	Unitary	11+12		5 698	0.09

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
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	0.74
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	0.74
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11+12		9 968	0.15
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	18 012	106 983	1.60
Croatia	Unitary	12		22 789	0.34
Cuba		No arrears			
Cyprus		No arrears			
Czech Republic		No arrears			
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Democratic Republic of the Congo	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	159 959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90 326	279 192	4.17
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12		14 240	0.21
Dominica	Unitary	10+11+12		8 547	0.13
Dominican Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	92 702		
	Paris	68*+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	949 188		
				1 041 890	15.58
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	10+11+12		4 272	0.06
Eritrea		No arrears			
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	61 374		
	Paris	87+88+89+90+91+92+93	147 687		
	Berne	86*+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	98 703	307 764	4.60
Gambia	Unitary	10+11+12		4 272	0.06
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		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
Greece		No arrears			
Grenada	Unitary	10+11+12		8 547	0.13
Guatemala	Unitary	12*		582	0.01
Guinea	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	0.74
Guinea-Bissau	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	92+93	3 858	46 041	0.69
Guyana	Unitary	11*+12		4 227	0.06
Haiti	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12	28 907		
	Paris	91*+92+93	7 580	36 487	0.55
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	11+12		5 698	0.09
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	11+12		11 394	0.17
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy	Unitary	12*		6 756	0.10
Jamaica	Unitary	12		2 849	0.04
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kuwait	Unitary	12		11 395	0.17
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon <sup>1</sup>	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	3.71
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	03*+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11		77 984	1.17
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	12		11 395	0.17
Luxembourg		No arrears			

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	10+11+12		4 272	0.06
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	11*+12		2 029	0.03
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	0.74
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12		20 196	0.30
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	0.04
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	12*		1 671	0.03
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	0.72
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	8.23
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	12*		4 215	0.06
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	12		2 849	0.04
Paraguay	Unitary	12		2 849	0.04
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar	Unitary	12		11 395	0.17
Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation		No arrears			
Rwanda	Unitary	12		1 424	0.02
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia	Unitary	12		2 849	0.04
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	12		2 849	0.04
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia	Unitary	12		45 579	0.68

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
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia	Unitary Paris Berne Nice Locarno	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01 93* 91+92+93 93 93	847 668 79 996 135 984 6 447 2 247	1 072 342	16.03
Seychelles		No arrears			
Sierra Leone		No arrears			
Singapore		No arrears			
Slovakia		No arrears			
Slovenia		No arrears			
Somalia	Unitary WIPO	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12 90+91+92+93	28 907 4 452	33 359	0.50
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain	Unitary	12		455 790	6.81
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname		No arrears			
Swaziland	Unitary	12		2 849	0.04
Sweden		No arrears			
Switzerland		No arrears			
Syrian Arab Republic		No 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	0.25
Tonga		No arrears			
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia	Unitary	12		5 697	0.09
Turkey	Unitary	12*		32 558	0.49
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	11*+12		1 481 334	22.15
Uruguay	Unitary	12		5 697	0.09
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	11*+12		21 526	0.32
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	11*+12		1 546	0.02
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe		No arrears			

### Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		4 395 354	
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		2 293 705	
Grand Total		6 689 059	100.00

## Observations

2. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on June 30, 2012, about 6.7 million Swiss francs, of which 4.4 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 38.1 per cent of the amount of the contributions payable for 2012, namely, 17.5 million Swiss francs.

3. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and September 10, 2012, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

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

4. 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 June 30, 2012, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and September 10, 2012, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears ( <i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i> )	Amount of Arrears ( <i>Swiss francs</i> )		% of Total Arrears
Burkina Faso	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	214 924	352 490	8.04
	Berne	77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	137 566		
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	388 367	8.86
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	114 858		
Chad	Paris	71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	250 957	407 344	9.29
	Berne	72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	156 387		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	500 200	801 215	18.28
	Berne	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	301 015		
Gambia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.26
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779	230 072	5.25
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293		
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	296 303	6.76
	Berne	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	163 926		

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears ( <i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i> )	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
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

5. The following table shows the amounts due, on June 30, 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 July 1 and September 10, 2012, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate 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

6. 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.

7. 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

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