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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

Memorandum by the Director General

1. This document contains an updated version of Chapter IV of document A/41/6 concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards working capital funds.

STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

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

2. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on September 20, 2005, 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 6, below.

| State | Unitary/ Union/ WIPO | No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>) | Amount of Arrears (<i>Swiss francs</i>) | % of Total Arrears |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| Albania | | No arrears | | |
| Algeria | | No arrears | | |
| Andorra | | No arrears | | |
| Angola | | No arrears | | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | No arrears | | |
| Argentina | Unitary | 02*+03+04+05 | 323 864 | 3.46 |
| Armenia | | No arrears | | |
| Australia | | No arrears | | |
| Austria | | No arrears | | |
| Azerbaijan | | No arrears | | |
| Bahamas | | No arrears | | |
| Bahrain | | No arrears | | |
| Bangladesh | | No arrears | | |
| Barbados | | No arrears | | |
| Belarus | | No arrears | | |
| Belgium | | No arrears | | |
| Belize | | No arrears | | |
| Benin | | No arrears | | |
| Bhutan | | No arrears | | |
| Bolivia | Unitary | 96*+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 28 123 | 0.30 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | No arrears | | |
| Botswana | | No arrears | | |
| Brazil | Unitary | 05 | 91 158 | 0.97 |
| Brunei Darussalam | | No arrears | | |
| Bulgaria | | No arrears | | |
| Burkina Faso | Unitary | 03*+04+05 | 3 709 | 0.04 |
| Burundi | Unitary Paris | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 90+91+92+93 | 18 939 13 276 | 32 215 0.34 |
| Cambodia | Unitary | 05 | 1 424 | 0.02 |
| Cameroon | | No arrears | | |
| Canada | | No arrears | | |
| Cape Verde | Unitary | 98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 11 884 | 0.13 |
| Central African Republic | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 18 939 | |

| State | Unitary/ Union/ WIPO | No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>) | Amount of Arrears (<i>Swiss francs</i>) | | % of Total Arrears |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|-----------|--------------------------|
| | Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 13 276 | | |
| | Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 7 460 | 39 675 | 0.42 |
| Chad | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 18 939 | | |
| | Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 13 276 | | |
| | Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 7 460 | 39 675 | 0.42 |
| Chile | | No arrears | | | |
| China | | No arrears | | | |
| Colombia | Unitary | 03*+04+05 | | 24 583 | 0.26 |
| Congo | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 37 885 | | |
| | Paris | 87*+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 129 099 | | |
| | Berne | 87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 77 829 | 244 813 | 2.62 |
| Costa Rica | | No arrears | | | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 41 431 | | |
| | Paris | 92+93 | 27 597 | | |
| | Berne | 91*+92+93 | 49 739 | 118 767 | 1.27 |
| Croatia | | No arrears | | | |
| Cuba | Unitary | 05 | | 5 697 | 0.06 |
| 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 | 18 939 | | |
| | Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 159 959 | | |
| | Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 90 326 | 269 224 | 2.88 |
| Denmark | | No arrears | | | |
| Djibouti | Unitary | 03+04+05 | | 4 272 | 0.05 |
| Dominica | Unitary | 04+05 | | 5 698 | 0.06 |
| Dominican Republic | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 52 823 | | |
| | Paris | 63+64+65+66+67+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 | 969 910 | 1 022 733 | 10.94 |
| Ecuador | | No arrears | | | |
| Egypt | | No arrears | | | |
| El Salvador | | No arrears | | | |
| Equatorial Guinea | | No arrears | | | |
| Eritrea | | No arrears | | | |
| Estonia | | No arrears | | | |
| Ethiopia | | No arrears | | | |
| Fiji | Unitary | 04+05 | | 5 698 | 0.06 |
| Finland | | No arrears | | | |
| France | | No arrears | | | |
| Gabon | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 41 431 | | |
| | Paris | 84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 210 994 | | |
| | Berne | 83*+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 131 920 | 384 345 | 4.11 |
| Gambia | Unitary | 97*+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | | 13 404 | 0.14 |
| Georgia | | No arrears | | | |
| Germany | Unitary | 05* | | 301 511 | 3.22 |
| Ghana | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 37 885 | | |
| | Paris | 81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93 | 236 335 | | |
| | Berne | 93 | 3 823 | 278 043 | 2.97 |
| Greece | Unitary | 05* | | 34 183 | 0.37 |
| Grenada | Unitary | 04+05 | | 5 698 | 0.06 |
| Guatemala | | No arrears | | | |
| Guinea | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 18 939 | | |

| State | Unitary/ Union/ WIPO | No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>) | Amount of Arrears (<i>Swiss francs</i>) | | % of Total Arrears |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---------|--------------------------|
| | Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 13 276 | | |
| | Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 7 460 | 39 675 | 0.42 |
| Guinea-Bissau | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 18 939 | | |
| | Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 13 276 | | |
| | Berne | 92+93 | 3 858 | 36 073 | 0.39 |
| Guyana | Unitary | 04*+05 | | 4 336 | 0.05 |
| Haiti | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 18 939 | | |
| | Paris | 90*+91+92+93 | 11 852 | 30 791 | 0.33 |
| Holy See | | No arrears | | | |
| Honduras | | No arrears | | | |
| Hungary | | No arrears | | | |
| Iceland | | No arrears | | | |
| India | | No arrears | | | |
| Indonesia | Unitary | 05* | | 25 000 | 0.27 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | Unitary | 05 | | 45 579 | 0.49 |
| Iraq | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 109 688 | | |
| | Paris | 84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 410 582 | 520 270 | 5.56 |
| Ireland | | No arrears | | | |
| Israel | | No arrears | | | |
| Italy | Unitary | 05* | | 528 100 | 5.65 |
| Jamaica | | No arrears | | | |
| Japan | Unitary | 05* | | 836 375 | 8.94 |
| Jordan | | No arrears | | | |
| Kazakhstan | | No arrears | | | |
| Kenya | | No arrears | | | |
| Kuwait | | No arrears | | | |
| Kyrgyzstan | | No arrears | | | |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | | No arrears | | | |
| Latvia | | No arrears | | | |
| Lebanon | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 40 733 | | |
| | Paris | 85*+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 247 593 | | |
| | Berne | 85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 294 361 | | |
| | Nice | 85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 23 502 | 606 189 | 6.48 |
| Lesotho | | No arrears | | | |
| Liberia ¹ | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+02+03+04+05 | 17 515 | | |
| | Berne | 91*+92+93 | 12 181 | 29 696 | 0.32 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Unitary | 00*+01+02+03+04+05 | | 69 170 | 0.74 |
| Liechtenstein | | No arrears | | | |
| Lithuania | Unitary | 05 | | 11 395 | 0.12 |
| Luxembourg | | No arrears | | | |
| Madagascar | Unitary | 05* | | 927 | 0.01 |
| Malawi | | No arrears | | | |
| Malaysia | Unitary | 05 | | 22 789 | 0.24 |
| Maldives | | No arrears | | | |
| Mali | | No arrears | | | |
| Malta | | No arrears | | | |
| Mauritania | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | 18 939 | | |
| | Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 13 276 | | |
| | Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 7 460 | 39 675 | 0.42 |
| Mauritius | | No arrears | | | |

¹ Installment plan concluded in May 2000 in order to settle the arrears of the Berne Union and under the unitary contribution system by four yearly installments. The first installment payment was received during the year 2002.

| 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 |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|-----------|--------------------------|
| Mexico | Unitary | 05* | | 109 | 0.00 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | Unitary | 05* | | 253 | 0.00 |
| Monaco | | No arrears | | | |
| Mongolia | | No arrears | | | |
| Morocco | | No arrears | | | |
| Mozambique | | No arrears | | | |
| Myanmar | Unitary | 05 | | 1 424 | 0.02 |
| Namibia | | No arrears | | | |
| Nepal | | No arrears | | | |
| Netherlands | | No arrears | | | |
| New Zealand | | No arrears | | | |
| Nicaragua | | No arrears | | | |
| Niger | Unitary Paris Berne | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93 | 18 939 13 276 7 460 | 39 675 | 0.42 |
| Nigeria | Unitary Paris | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 91*+92+93 | 273 310 237 156 | 510 466 | 5.46 |
| Norway | | No arrears | | | |
| Oman | | No arrears | | | |
| Pakistan | | No arrears | | | |
| Panama | | No arrears | | | |
| Papua New Guinea | Unitary | 05 | | 2 849 | 0.03 |
| Paraguay | Unitary | 02*+03+04+05 | | 9 361 | 0.10 |
| Peru | Unitary | 00*+01+02+03+04+05 | | 43 651 | 0.47 |
| Philippines | Unitary | 04*+05 | | 7 996 | 0.09 |
| 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 | Unitary | 04*+05 | | 2 407 | 0.03 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | Unitary | 05 | | 2 849 | 0.03 |
| Saint Lucia | | No arrears | | | |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Unitary | 99*+00+01+02+03+04+05 | | 19 341 | 0.21 |
| Samoa | | No arrears | | | |
| San Marino | | No arrears | | | |
| Sao Tome and Principe | Unitary | 99+00+01+02+03+04+05 | | 10 126 | 0.11 |
| Saudi Arabia | | No arrears | | | |
| Senegal | | No arrears | | | |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 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 | 11.47 |
| Seychelles | Unitary | 01+02+03+04+05 | | 14 245 | 0.15 |
| 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 90+91+92+93 | 18 939 4 452 | 23 391 | 0.25 |
| South Africa | | 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 |
|--|--|---|---|-----------|--------------------------|
| Spain | | No arrears | | | |
| Sri Lanka | | No arrears | | | |
| Sudan | | No arrears | | | |
| Suriname | Unitary Paris Berne IPC Nice | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 90+91+92+93 89*+90+91+92+93 89+90+91+92+93 89+90+91+92+93 | 37 885 64 819 44 544 41 279 7 532 | 196 059 | 2.10 |
| Swaziland | Unitary | 05 | | 2 849 | 0.03 |
| 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 Paris Berne | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05 92+93 92+93 | 18 939 6 899 3 858 | 29 696 | 0.32 |
| Tonga | Unitary | 05 | | 2 849 | 0.03 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | No arrears | | | |
| Tunisia | Unitary | 05* | | 483 | 0.01 |
| Turkey | Unitary | 05* | | 32 558 | 0.35 |
| Turkmenistan | | No arrears | | | |
| Uganda | Unitary | 04+05 | | 2 848 | 0.03 |
| Ukraine | | No arrears | | | |
| United Arab Emirates | | No arrears | | | |
| United Kingdom | | No arrears | | | |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | No arrears | | | |
| United States of America | Unitary | 04*+05 | | 1 145 670 | 12.25 |
| Uruguay | Unitary | 01+02+03+04+05 | | 28 485 | 0.30 |
| Uzbekistan | | No arrears | | | |
| Venezuela | Unitary | 05 | | 11 395 | 0.12 |
| Viet Nam | | No arrears | | | |
| Yemen | Unitary | 05 | | 1 424 | 0.02 |
| Zambia | | No arrears | | | |
| Zimbabwe | | No arrears | | | |

Total amount of arrears

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|--------|
| Unitary Contributions | | 5 494 332 | |
| Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO | | 3 856 905 | |
| Grand Total | | 9 351 237 | 100.00 |

Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 20, 2005, about 9.4 million francs, of which 5.5 million francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 3.9 million francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 54% of the amount of the contributions payable for 2005, namely, 17.2 million francs.

4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 20 and September 26, 2005, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

5. The list of States with loss of voting right in one or more Assemblies as of September 26, 2005, will be communicated on request.

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

6. 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 (AB/XXII/20 and AB/XXII/22, paragraph 127). Such arrears in contributions, as of September 20, 2005, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 20 and September 26, 2005, 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 (<i>Swiss francs</i>) | | % of Total Arrears |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|---------|--------------------------|
| Burkina Faso | Paris | 77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 217 518 | | |
| | Berne | 77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 137 566 | 355 084 | 7.75 |
| Burundi | Paris | 78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | | 214 738 | 4.69 |
| Central African Republic | Paris | 76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 273 509 | | |
| | Berne | 80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 114 858 | 388 367 | 8.47 |
| Chad | Paris | 71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 250 957 | | |
| | Berne | 72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 156 387 | 407 344 | 8.89 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Paris | 81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 500 200 | | |
| | Berne | 81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 301 015 | 801 215 | 17.48 |
| Gambia | WIPO | 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | | 55 250 | 1.21 |
| Guinea | Paris | 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 148 779 | | |
| | Berne | 83*+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 81 293 | 230 072 | 5.02 |
| Guinea-Bissau | Paris | 89 | | 23 213 | 0.51 |
| Haiti | Paris | 79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | | 347 037 | 7.57 |
| Madagascar | Berne | 89* | | 520 | 0.01 |
| Mali | Paris | 84+85+86+87+88+89 | 132 377 | | |
| | Berne | 76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 165 124 | 297 501 | 6.49 |
| Mauritania | Paris | 77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 219 120 | | |
| | Berne | 74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 150 618 | 369 738 | 8.07 |
| Niger | Paris | 81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 179 097 | | |

| 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 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|--|---------|--------------------------|
| | Berne | 80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 110 069 | 289 166 | 6.31 |
| Rwanda | Paris | 89 | 23 213 | | |
| | Berne | 89 | 13 816 | 37 029 | 0.81 |
| Somalia | WIPO | 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | | 55 250 | 1.21 |
| | Paris | 84+85+86+87+88+89 | 132 377 | | |
| | Berne | 83*+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 87 785 | 220 162 | 4.80 |
| Uganda | Paris | 74*+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+ 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | | 238 420 | 5.20 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | Paris | 81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | | 233 380 | 5.09 |
| Yemen | WIPO | 87*+88+89 | | 19 142 | 0.42 |

Total amount of arrears

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Paris | 3 133 935 | |
| Berne | 1 319 051 | |
| WIPO | 129 642 | |
| Grand Total | 4 582 628 | 100.00 |

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

7. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 20, 2005, in the payments by States towards the working capital funds that have been constituted, namely, those of two Contribution-financed Unions (Paris and Berne) and the PCT Union. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 20 and September 26, 2005, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

| State | Union | Amount due (<i>Swiss francs</i>) | |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |
| Dominican Republic | Paris | | 7 748 |
| Guinea | Paris | 7 508 | |
| | Berne | 2 915 | 10 423 |
| Iraq | Paris | | 6 665 |
| Mauritania | Paris | 5 813 | |
| | Berne | 1 980 | |
| | PCT | 50 | 7 843 |
| Niger | Paris | | 3 717 |

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

| | |
|-------------|--------|
| Paris Union | 60 336 |
| Berne Union | 8 602 |
| PCT Union | 50 |
| Grand Total | 68 988 |

8. *The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO are invited to note the status of the payment of contributions and of working capital funds on September 20, 2005.*

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