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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

Memorandum by the Director General

1. This document contains an updated version of Chapter IV of document A/43/6 concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards working capital funds.

STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

*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 21, 2007, 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
Afghanistan		No arrears			
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	07*		32 560	0.41
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	97*+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07		30 972	0.39
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil		No arrears			
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	03*+04+05+06+07		6 557	0.08
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07	21 787		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	35 063	0.44
Cambodia		No arrears			
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Cape Verde	Unitary	98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07		14 732	0.19
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07	21 787		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	42 523	0.54

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
Chad	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	21 787 13 276 7 460	42 523	0.54
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia	Unitary	07*		745	0.01
Comoros	Unitary	06+07		2 848	0.04
Congo	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 88*+89+90+91+92+93 88+89+90+91+92+93	43 583 89 039 64 273	196 895	2.48
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 92+93 91*+92+93	47 129 27 597 35 856	110 582	1.39
Croatia		No arrears			
Cuba		No 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 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	21 787 159 959 90 326	272 072	3.43
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07		7 120	0.09
Dominica	Unitary	06+07		5 698	0.07
Dominican Republic	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 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	64 217 969 910	1 034 127	13.04
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea		No arrears			
Eritrea	Unitary	07		1 424	0.02
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 84*+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	47 129 206 115 122 832	376 076	4.74
Gambia	Unitary	97*+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07		16 252	0.20
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 83*+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 93	43 583 199 582 3 823	246 988	3.11
Greece	Unitary	07*		68 366	0.86

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
Grenada		No arrears			
Guatemala		No arrears			
Guinea	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	21 787 13 276 7 460	42 523	0.54
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 90+91+92+93 92+93	21 787 13 276 3 858	38 921	0.49
Guyana	Unitary	06*+07		5 679	0.07
Haiti	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 90*+91+92+93	21 787 10 428	32 215	0.41
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras		No arrears			
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Unitary	07		45 579	0.57
Iraq	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	115 386 410 582	525 968	6.63
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy	Unitary	07*		591 559	7.46
Jamaica		No arrears			
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya	Unitary	07*		105	0.00
Kuwait	Unitary	06+07		22 790	0.29
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon ¹	Unitary Paris Berne Nice	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07* 86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 85*+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	50 746 201 698 273 940 23 502	549 886	6.94
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Unitary	00*+01+02+03+04+05+06+07		63 472	0.80
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania		No arrears			
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi		No arrears			
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives	Unitary	07		1 424	0.02

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 (<i>Swiss francs</i>)		% of Total Arrears
Mali	Unitary	07*		1 174	0.01
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	21 787 13 276 7 460	42 523	0.54
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07		5 951	0.08
Moldova		No arrears			
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro	Unitary	07		11 395	0.14
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar	Unitary	07		1 424	0.02
Namibia		No arrears			
Nepal		No arrears			
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	06*+07		5 607	0.07
Niger	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	21 787 13 276 7 460	42 523	0.54
Nigeria	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07 91*+92+93	284 704 237 156	521 860	6.58
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama		No arrears			
Papua New Guinea		No arrears			
Paraguay		No arrears			
Peru	Unitary	05*+06+07		12 739	0.16
Philippines	Unitary	07*		467	0.01
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar		No arrears			
Republic of Korea		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		No arrears			
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe	Unitary	99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07		12 974	0.16
Saudi Arabia		No 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	13.53

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
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 90+91+92+93	21 787 4 452	26 239	0.33
South Africa		No 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+ 06+07 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93 89*+90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	43 583 64 819 36 540 33 586 5 432	183 960	2.32
Swaziland		No arrears			
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+ 06+07 92+93 92+93	21 787 6 899 3 858	32 544	0.41
Tonga		No arrears			
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia	Unitary	07*		5 133	0.06
Turkey		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Uganda	Unitary	07*		453	0.01
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates		No arrears			
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears			
United States of America	Unitary	06*+07		1 462 659	18.45
Uruguay	Unitary	05+06+07		17 091	0.22
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Venezuela		No arrears			
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen		No arrears			
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe	Unitary	06+07		5 698	0.07

Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		4 288 032	
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		3 640 968	
Grand Total		7 929 000	100.00

Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 21, 2007, about 7.9 million francs, of which 4.3 million francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 3.6 million francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 45.5% of the amount of the contributions payable for 2007, namely, 17.4 million francs.
4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 21 and September 24, 2007, 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 24, 2007, 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 (documents AB/XXII/20 and AB/XXII/22, paragraph 127). Such arrears in contributions, as of September 21, 2007, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 21 and September 24, 2007, 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		7.81
	Berne	77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89	137 566	355 084	
Burundi	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+ 89		214 738	4.72
Central African Republic	Paris	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+ 86+87+88+89	273 509		8.54
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	114 858	388 367	
Chad	Paris	71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+ 82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	250 957		8.96
	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		17.63
	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	1.22
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779		5.06
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293	230 072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris	89		23 213	0.51
Haiti	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+ 86+87+88+89		347 037	7.64
Mali	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		6.55
	Berne	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+ 83+84+85+86+87+88+89	165 124	297 501	
Mauritania	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	219 120		8.14
	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		6.36
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	110 069	289 166	
Somalia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.22
Togo	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		4.84
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87 785	220 162	
Uganda	Paris	74*+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+ 83+84+85+86+87+88+89		238 420	5.25
United Republic of Tanzania	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		233 380	5.13
Yemen	WIPO	87*+88+89		19 142	0.42

Total amount of arrears

Paris	3 110 722	
Berne	1 304 715	
WIPO	129 642	
Grand Total	4 545 079	100.00

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

7. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 21, 2007, 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 21 and September 24, 2007, 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
Dominican Republic	Paris		2 051
Guinea	Paris	7 508	
	Berne	2 915	10 423
Iraq	Paris		6 665
Mauritania	Paris		1 854
Niger	Paris		1 719

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	48 682
Berne Union	6 622
Grand Total	55 304

Evolution of arrears in contributions and Working Capital Funds over the last ten years

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 francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	"Frozen" arrears	WCF	Total
1997	5.0	6.4	4.7	0.1	16.2
1998	4.2	6.2	4.7	0.1	15.2
1999	3.9	5.7	4.7	0.1	14.4
2000	4.9	5.4	4.7	0.1	15.1
2001	3.9	5.0	4.7	0.1	13.7
2002	3.0	4.3	4.6	0.1	12.0
2003	4.4	4.1	4.6	0.1	13.2
2004	3.1	3.9	4.6	0.1	11.7
2005	3.4	3.8	4.6	0.1	11.9
2006	4.1	3.8	4.5	0.1	12.5

9. *The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO are invited to take note of the status of the payment of contributions and of working capital funds on September 21, 2007.*

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