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STATUS OF the payment of CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

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1. The present document contains an updated version of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2016 (WO/PBC/25/10).

**Arrears in contributions as AT september 1, 2016**

**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 September 1, 2016, 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 which 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.













**Observations**

1. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 1, 2016, 4.56 million Swiss francs, of which 2.87 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.69 million Swiss francs concern the pre‑1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution‑financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 4.56 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 26.2 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2016, this amount being 17.4 million Swiss francs.
2. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 1 and October 3, 2016, 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**

1. 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 at September 1, 2016, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 1 and October 3,  2016, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.





Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

1. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 1, 2016, 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 1 and October 3, 2016, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.



**Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds**



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

1. 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 2012.
2. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2006.



*9. The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by it, each as far as it is concerned, are invited to take note of the “Status of the Payment of Contributions as at September 1, 2016” (document A/56/11).*

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