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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT AUGUST 31, 2019

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1. The present document contains an update of the information contained in the “Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2019” (document WO/PBC/30/9).

ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT AUGUST 31, 2019

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 August 31, 2019, 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 the World Intellectual Property Organization (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.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Afghanistan		No arrears			
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	19		91,158	1.87
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain		No arrears			
Bangladesh	Unitary	17+18+19		4,272	0.09
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium	Unitary	19*		13,178	0.27
Belize	Unitary	19		2,849	0.06
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	13+14+15+16+ 17+18+19		19,943	0.41
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	19		91,158	1.87
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+13+14+15+16+17+18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276	52,151	1.07
Cabo Verde	Unitary	18*+19		5,364	0.11
Cambodia		No arrears			
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	59,611	1.22
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	59,611	1.22
Chile	Unitary	19		11,395	0.23
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+ 10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19		19,936	0.41
Congo		No arrears			
Cook Islands		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire		No arrears			
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	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+ 06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+ 18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159,959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90,326	289,160	5.93
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17 +18+19		11,392	0.23
Dominica	Unitary	19		2,849	0.06
Dominican Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+ 06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+ 18+19	132,581		
	Paris	73*+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+ 81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	904,038	1,036,619	21.26
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14+15+ 16+17+18+19		14,242	0.29
Eritrea	Unitary	19		1,424	0.03
Estonia		No arrears			
Eswatini		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon		No arrears			
Gambia		No arrears			
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece	Unitary	19*		1,446	0.03
Grenada		No arrears			
Guatemala	Unitary	19*		123	0.00
Guinea	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+ 06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+ 18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	59,611	1.22
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+ 06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+ 18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	92+93	3,858	56,009	1.15
Guyana		No arrears			
Haiti		No arrears			
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	19		2,849	0.06
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India	Unitary	19*		3,749	0.08
Indonesia		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Unitary	17*+18+19		92,390	1.89
Iraq	Unitary	18*+19		11,982	0.25
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica		No arrears			
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kiribati	Unitary	19		1,424	0.03
Kuwait		No arrears			
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Unitary	18+19		2,848	0.06
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon	Unitary	19		5,697	0.12
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	14*+15+16+17+18+19		58,277	1.20
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania		No arrears			
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	18+19		2,848	0.06
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	18*+19		2,441	0.05
Malta		No arrears			
Marshall Islands	Unitary	18+19		5,698	0.12
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19	38,875		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	12,217		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	58,552	1.20
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+ 13+14+15+16+17+18+19		40,139	0.82
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar		No arrears			
Namibia		No arrears			
Nepal		No arrears			
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua		No arrears			
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+ 00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+ 12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19	38,875		
	Paris	91*+92+93	8,901		
	Berne	91+92+93	5,665	53,441	1.10
Nigeria	Unitary	16*+17+18+19		39,091	0.80

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Niue		No arrears			
North Macedonia		No arrears			
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	19*		209	0.00
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	18*+19		3,027	0.06
Paraguay		No arrears			
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	Unitary	19*		12,790	0.26
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Unitary	19		2,849	0.06
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	18+19		5,698	0.12
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal	Unitary	19*		605	0.01
Serbia		No arrears			
Seychelles	Unitary	19		2,849	0.06
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+13+14+15+16+17+ 18+19	38,875		
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	4,452	43,327	0.89
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain		No arrears			
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname	Unitary	19		2,849	0.06
Sweden		No arrears			
Switzerland		No arrears			
Syrian Arab Republic		No arrears			
Tajikistan		No arrears			
Thailand		No arrears			
Timor-Leste	Unitary	19		1,424	0.03
Togo	Unitary	08*+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+ 16+17+18+19		16,504	0.34
Tonga		No arrears			
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia	Unitary	17*+18+19		15,666	0.32
Turkey		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Tuvalu		No arrears			
Uganda	Unitary	15+16+17+18+19		7,120	0.15
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates		No arrears			
United Kingdom		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
United Republic of Tanzania	Unitary	19		1,424	0.03
United States of America	Unitary	17*+18+19		2,392,906	49.07
Uruguay		No arrears			
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Vanuatu	Unitary	17+18+19		4,272	0.09
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14+15+16+17+18 +19		69,725	1.43
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	14+15+16+17+ 18+19		8,544	0.18
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe		No arrears			
Grand Total				4,876,715	100

Total amount of arrears (except for arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account concerning the years preceding 1990)

Unitary Contributions	3,591,079
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO	1,285,636
Grand Total	4,876,715

Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on August 31, 2019, approximately 4.87 million Swiss francs, of which 3.59 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.28 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 4.87 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 28 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2019, this amount being 17.4 million Swiss francs.

4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 1 and September 27, 2019, 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 at August 31, 2019, 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 September 27, 2019, 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 (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Burkina Faso	Paris frozen	78*+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	211,405		8.90
	Berne frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	131,084	342,489	
Burundi	Paris frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88 +89		214,738	5.58
Central African Republic	Paris frozen	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 +87+ 88+89	273,509		10.09
	Berne frozen	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	114,858	388,367	
Chad	Paris frozen	71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	250,957		10.59
	Berne frozen	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 frozen	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	500,200		20.82
	Berne frozen	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	301,015	801,215	
Gambia	WIPO frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55,250	1.44
Guinea	Paris frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148,779		5.98
	Berne frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81,293	230,072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris frozen	89		23,213	0.60
Mali	Paris frozen	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377		7.58
	Berne frozen	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 +87+88+89	159,485	291,862	
Mauritania	Paris frozen	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219,120		9.61
	Berne frozen	74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84 +85+86+87+ 88+89	150,618	369,738	
Niger	Paris frozen	81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	179,097		7.51
	Berne frozen	80*+81+82+83+84 +85+86+87+88+89	109,915	289,012	
Somalia	WIPO frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55,250	1.44
Togo	Paris frozen	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377		5.72
	Berne frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87,785	220,162	
Uganda	Paris frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89		140,372	3.65
Yemen	WIPO frozen	87*+88+89		19,142	0.50
Grand Total				3,848,226	100.00

Total amount of arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account concerning the years preceding 1990

Paris frozen		2,426,144
Berne frozen		1,292,440
WIPO frozen		129,642
Grand Total		3,848,226

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

6. The following table shows the amounts due, on August 31, 2019, 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 September 27, 2019, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Union	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)	
			Total
Burundi	Paris		4,832
Central African Republic	Paris		943
Chad	Paris	6,377	8,357
	Berne	1,980	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	14,057	15,784
	Berne	1,727	
Guinea	Paris	7,508	10,423
	Berne	2,915	
Grand Total			40,339

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	33,717
Berne Union	6,622
Grand Total	40,339

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

8. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the "frozen" arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2009.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	"Frozen" arrears	WCF	Total
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
2012	2.26	2.28	4.39	0.04	8.97
2013	2.26	2.12	4.36	0.04	8.78
2014	1.39	1.82	4.30	0.04	7.55
2015	1.89	1.77	3.92	0.04	7.62
2016	2.24	1.69	3.85	0.04	7.82
2017	1.59	1.52	3.85	0.04	7.00
2018	2.13	1.5	3.85	0.04	7.52

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