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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1997

*Report of the Director General*

1. This document contains an updated version of Chapter III of document AB/XXXI/5 concerning arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards working capital funds.

**STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1997**

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

2. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on September 15, 1997, 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 (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
ALBANIA	Unitary	95*+96+97	37,058	0.30
ALGERIA		NO ARREARS		
ANDORRA		NO ARREARS		
ANGOLA	Unitary WIPO	94+95+96+97 93	8,828 <u>2,225</u>	
			Total 11,053	0.09
ARGENTINA	Unitary	95*+96+97	280,428	2.28
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		
BENIN		NO ARREARS		

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
BHUTAN		NO ARREARS		
BOLIVIA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	14,109	0.11
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA		NO ARREARS		
BRAZIL	Unitary	95*+96+97	337,006	2.73
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM		NO ARREARS		
BULGARIA		NO ARREARS		
BURKINA FASO		NO ARREARS		
BURUNDI	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93	7,055 <u>13,276</u>	0.16
			Total 20,331	
CAMBODIA	Unitary	97	1,760	0.01
CAMEROON	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 89*+90+91+92+93 89*+90+91+92+93	14,109 68,645 <u>106,456</u>	
			Total 189,210	1.54
CANADA		NO ARREARS		
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	7,055 13,276 <u>7,460</u>	
			Total 27,791	0.23
CHAD	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	7,055 13,276 <u>7,460</u>	
			Total 27,791	0.23
CHILE		NO ARREARS		
CHINA		NO ARREARS		
COLOMBIA		NO ARREARS		
CONGO	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 84*+85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93 86*+87+88+89+90+ 91+92+93	14,109  195,840  <u>87,409</u>	
			Total 297,358	2.41
COSTA RICA	Unitary Berne	94+95+96+97 89*+90+91+92+93	14,109 <u>45,239</u>	
			Total 59,348	0.48

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	Unitary	94+95+96+97	17,655	2.14
	Paris	89*+90+91+92+93	92,266	
	Berne	88*+89+90+91+92+93	<u>154,097</u>	
	Total		264,018	
CROATIA		NO ARREARS		
CUBA	Unitary	97	7,040	0.06
CYPRUS		NO ARREARS		
CZECH REPUBLIC		NO ARREARS		
DEM. PEOPLE'S REP. KOREA		NO ARREARS		
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055	2.09
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159,959	
	Berne	90+91+92+93	<u>90,326</u>	
	Total		257,340	
DENMARK		NO ARREARS		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Unitary	94+95+96+97	17,655	8.01
	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	<u>969,910</u>	
	Total		987,565	
ECUADOR	Unitary	96*+97	12,730	0.10
EGYPT		NO ARREARS		
EL SALVADOR	Unitary	94+95+96+97	14,109	0.79
	WIPO	82*+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89+90+91+ 92+93	<u>83,183</u>	
	Total		97,292	
ESTONIA		NO ARREARS		
FIJI		NO ARREARS		
FINLAND		NO ARREARS		
FRANCE		NO ARREARS		
GABON	Unitary	94+95+96+97	17,655	3.17
	Paris	82*+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89+90+91+ 92+93	231,813	
	Berne	82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89+90+91+ 92+93	<u>141,822</u>	
	Total		391,290	

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears	
GAMBIA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055		
	Paris	93*	<u>466</u>		
			Total	7,521	0.06
GEORGIA		NO ARREARS			
GERMANY		NO ARREARS			
GHANA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	14,109		
	Paris	78*+79+80+81+82+ 83+84+85+86+87+88+ 89+90+91+92+93	272,443		
	Berne	93	<u>3,823</u>		
			Total	290,375	2.36
GREECE	Unitary	97*	41,341	0.34	
GUATEMALA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	28,219		
	WIPO	88*+89+90+91+92+93	<u>38,618</u>		
			Total	66,837	0.54
GUINEA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	<u>7,460</u>		
			Total	27,791	0.23
GUINEA-BISSAU	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	92+93	<u>3,858</u>		
			Total	24,189	0.20
GUYANA	Unitary	96*+97	3,686	0.03	
HAITI	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	<u>13,276</u>		
			Total	20,331	0.16
HOLY SEE		NO ARREARS			
HONDURAS	Unitary	96*+97	6,099	0.05	
HUNGARY		NO ARREARS			
ICELAND		NO ARREARS			
INDIA		NO ARREARS			
INDONESIA		NO ARREARS			
IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Unitary	96*+97	65,074	0.53	
IRAQ	Unitary	94+95+96+97	56,441		
	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+ 89+90+91+92+93	<u>410,582</u>		
			Total	467,023	3.79

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
IRELAND		NO ARREARS		
ISRAEL	IPC	90*+91+92+93	117,940	
	Nice	90+91+92+93	<u>25,994</u>	
			Total	143,934
				1.17
ITALY	Unitary	97*	609,276	4.94
JAMAICA		NO ARREARS		
JAPAN		NO ARREARS		
JORDAN		NO ARREARS		
KAZAKSTAN		NO ARREARS		
KENYA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	14,109	
	Paris	88*+89+90+91+ 92+93	<u>277,712</u>	
			Total	291,821
				2.37
KYRGYZSTAN		NO ARREARS		
LAOS		NO ARREARS		
LATVIA		NO ARREARS		
LEBANON	Unitary	94+95+96+97	14,109	
	Paris	85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	262,873	
	Berne	85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	294,361	
	Nice	84*+85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	<u>28,235</u>	
			Total	599,578
				4.86
LESOTHO		NO ARREARS		
LIBERIA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055	
	Berne	90+91+92+93	<u>32,681</u>	
			Total	39,736
				0.32
LIBYA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	451,526	
	Paris	86*+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	530,328	
	Berne	86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	<u>343,607</u>	
			Total	1,325,461
				10.76
LIECHTENSTEIN		NO ARREARS		

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears	
LITHUANIA	Unitary	97*	336	0.00	
LUXEMBOURG		NO ARREARS			
MADAGASCAR	Unitary	96*+97	2,913	0.02	
MALAWI		NO ARREARS			
MALAYSIA		NO ARREARS			
MALI	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	7,055 13,276 <u>7,460</u>		
			Total	27,791	0.23
MALTA		NO ARREARS			
MAURITANIA	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	7,055 13,276 <u>7,460</u>		
			Total	27,791	0.23
MAURITIUS		NO ARREARS			
MEXICO		NO ARREARS			
MONACO		NO ARREARS			
MONGOLIA		NO ARREARS			
MOROCCO		NO ARREARS			
MOZAMBIQUE		NO ARREARS			
NAMIBIA		NO ARREARS			
NETHERLANDS		NO ARREARS			
NEW ZEALAND		NO ARREARS			
NICARAGUA	Unitary WIPO	94+95+96+97 88*+89+90+91+ 92+93	14,109 <u>39,138</u>		
			Total	53,247	0.43
NIGER	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	7,055 13,276 <u>7,460</u>		
			Total	27,791	0.23
NIGERIA	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97 91*+92+93	225,763 <u>237,156</u>		
			Total	462,919	3.76
NORWAY		NO ARREARS			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears	
PAKISTAN		NO ARREARS			
PANAMA		NO ARREARS			
PARAGUAY	Unitary Berne WIPO	94+95+96+97 93 90*+91+92	17,655 7,646 <u>18,726</u>		
			Total	44,027	0.36
PERU	Unitary	95*+96+97	15,498	0.13	
PHILIPPINES	Unitary	97*	180	0.00	
POLAND		NO ARREARS			
PORTUGAL		NO ARREARS			
QATAR	Unitary WIPO	94+95+96+97 91+92+93	28,219 <u>35,600</u>		
			Total	63,819	0.52
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Unitary	97	56,321	0.46	
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA		NO ARREARS			
ROMANIA		NO ARREARS			
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Unitary	96*+97	1,057,179	8.58	
RWANDA	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	7,055 13,276 <u>7,460</u>		
			Total	27,791	0.23
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS		NO ARREARS			
SAINT LUCIA		NO ARREARS			
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	Unitary	96+97	7,039	0.06	
SAN MARINO		NO ARREARS			
SAUDI ARABIA		NO ARREARS			
SENEGAL	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97 89*+90+91+92+93 89+90+91+92+93	14,109 75,898 <u>135,635</u>		
			Total	225,642	1.83
SIERRA LEONE	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055	0.06	
SINGAPORE		NO ARREARS			



State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
SLOVAKIA		NO ARREARS		
SLOVENIA		NO ARREARS		
SOMALIA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055	
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	<u>4,452</u>	
			Total	11,507
				0.09
SOUTH AFRICA		NO ARREARS		
SPAIN		NO ARREARS		
SRI LANKA		NO ARREARS		
SUDAN		NO ARREARS		
SURINAME	Unitary	94+95+96+97	14,109	
	Paris	88+89+90+91+		
		92+93	111,201	
	Berne	87*+88+89+90+91+		
		92+93	71,602	
	IPC	87+88+89+90+91+		
		92+93	63,327	
Nice	87+88+89+90+91+			
		92+93	<u>11,720</u>	
			Total	271,959
				2.21
SWAZILAND	Unitary	97	3,520	0.03
SWEDEN		NO ARREARS		
SWITZERLAND		NO ARREARS		
SYRIA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	28,219	
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	<u>154,652</u>	
			Total	182,871
				1.48
TAJKISTAN		NO ARREARS		
THAILAND		NO ARREARS		
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA		NO ARREARS		
TOGO	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055	
	Paris	92+93	6,899	
	Berne	92+93	<u>3,858</u>	
			Total	17,812
				0.14
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		NO ARREARS		
TUNISIA		NO ARREARS		
TURKEY		NO ARREARS		
TURKMENISTAN		NO ARREARS		

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears: Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
UGANDA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	7,055	0.16
	Paris	90+91+92+93	<u>13,276</u> 20,331	
UKRAINE	Unitary	97	14,080	0.11
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		NO ARREARS		
UNITED KINGDOM		NO ARREARS		
UNITED REP. OF TANZANIA	Unitary	97	1,760	0.01
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Unitary	96*+97	1,646,270	13.36
URUGUAY	Unitary	96+97	14,079	0.11
UZBEKISTAN		NO ARREARS		
VENEZUELA		NO ARREARS		
VIET NAM		NO ARREARS		
YEMEN	Unitary	95*+96+97	5,257	0.04
YUGOSLAVIA	Unitary	94+95+96+97	451,526	5.49
	Paris	93*	79,996	
	Berne	91+92+93	135,984	
	Nice	93	6,447	
	Locarno	93	<u>2,247</u>	
		Total	676,200	
ZAMBIA		NO ARREARS		
ZIMBABWE		NO ARREARS		
		TOTAL ARREARS:		
		Unitary	5,850,425	
		Paris	4,284,675	
		Berne	1,710,624	
		IPC	181,267	
		Nice	72,396	
		Locarno	2,247	
		WIPO	<u>221,942</u>	
		Total	12,323,576	100.00

*Observations*

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 15, 1997, about 12.3 million francs, of which 5.8 million francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 6.5 million francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 57% of the amount of the contributions payable for 1997, namely, 21.7 million francs.
4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 15 and September 22, 1997, will be reported to the Governing Bodies when they examine the present document.
5. The list of States with loss of voting right in one or more Governing Bodies as of September 22, 1997, will be communicated on request.

*Arrears in Annual Contributions  
of the Least Developed Countries, Placed in the 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 (see documents AB/XXII/20 and AB/XXII/22, paragraph 127). Such arrears in contributions, as of September 15, 1997, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table.

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
BURKINA FASO	Paris	74*+75+76+77+78+ 79+80+81+82+83+84+ 85+86+87+88+89	238,676	
	Berne	77+78+79+80+81+82+ 83+84+85+86+87+88+89	<u>137,566</u>	
	Total		376,242	7.98
BURUNDI	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+ 84+85+86+87+88+89	214,738	4.55
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	<u>114,858</u>	
	Total		388,367	8.24

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
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	<u>156,387</u>	
	Total		407,344	8.64
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	<u>301,015</u>	
	Total		801,215	16.99
GAMBIA	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	55,250	1.17
GUINEA	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148,779	
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	<u>81,293</u>	
	Total		230,072	4.88
GUINEA-BISSAU	Paris	89	23,213	0.49
HAITI	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+ 85+86+87+88+89	347,037	7.36
MADAGASCAR	Paris	89*	15,226	
	Berne	89	<u>41,450</u>	
	Total		56,676	1.20
MALI	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377	
	Berne	73*+74+75+76+77+78+ 79+80+81+82+83+84+ 85+86+87+88+89	<u>193,547</u>	
	Total		325,924	6.91
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	<u>150,618</u>	
	Total		369,738	7.84
NIGER	Paris	81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89	179,097	
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	<u>110,069</u>	
	Total		289,166	6.13
RWANDA	Paris	89	23,213	
	Berne	89	<u>13,816</u>	
	Total		37,029	0.79
SIERRA LEONE	WIPO	87*+88+89	20,445	0.43

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)	Percent of Total Arrears
SOMALIA	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	55,250	1.17
TOGO	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377	
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	<u>87,785</u>	
	Total		220,162	4.67
UGANDA	Paris	73*+74+75+76+77+78+79+		
		80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	245,171	5.20
UNITED REP. OF TANZANIA	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+		
		87+88+89	233,380	4.95
YEMEN	WIPO	87*+88+89	19,142	0.41
TOTAL ARREARS:				
		Paris	3,177,070	
		Berne	1,388,404	
		WIPO	<u>150,087</u>	
	Total		4,715,561	100.00

*Amounts Due Towards the Working Capital Funds*

7. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 15, 1997, in the payments by States towards the working capital funds that have been constituted, namely, those of two Contribution-financed Unions (Paris, Berne) and one Fee-financed Union (PCT). Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 15 and September 22, 1997, will be reported to the Governing Bodies 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	<u>1,980</u>
	Total	8,357
CONGO	Paris	3,158
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	Paris	14,057
	Berne	<u>1,727</u>
	Total	15,784

<b>State</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>Amount Due (Swiss francs)</b>
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Paris	19,142
GUINEA	Paris	7,508
	Berne	<u>2,915</u>
	Total	10,423
IRAQ	Paris	12,362
LEBANON	Paris	3,763
MALI	Paris	2,849
MAURITANIA	Paris	5,813
	Berne	1,980
	PCT	<u>50</u>
	Total	7,843
NIGER	Paris	4,121
	Berne	<u>104</u>
	Total	4,225
UGANDA	Paris	317
	TOTALS:	
	Paris	87,918
	Berne	8,706
	PCT	<u>50</u>
	Total	96,674

## DECISION INVITED

8. *The Governing Bodies are invited, each as far as it is concerned, to note the status of the payment of contributions on September 15, 1997 (as contained in the present document).*

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