

## **Program and Budget Committee**

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### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2017**

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1. This document contains information concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards the working capital funds.
2. The following decision paragraph is proposed.

*3. The Program and Budget Committee took note of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2017 (document WO/PBC/27/7).*

[Status of Contributions follows]

## ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2017

### 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 June 30, 2017, 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 4 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	Unitary	17		11,395	0.19
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	17*		59,869	0.98
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain	Unitary	17		5,697	0.09
Bangladesh	Unitary	17		1,424	0.02
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium	Unitary	17*		21,719	0.36
Belize		No arrears			
Benin	Unitary	17*		345	0.01
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17		22,792	0.37
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	17		91,158	1.50
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	17		1,424	0.02
Burundi	Paris Unitary	90+91+92+93 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17	13,276 36,027	49,303	0.81
Cabo Verde	Unitary	15*+16+17		7,985	0.13
Cambodia		No arrears			
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Central African Republic	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	36,027 13,276 7,460	56,763	0.93
Chad	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	36,027 13,276 7,460	56,763	0.93

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	
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17		17,088	0.28
Congo		No arrears			
Cook Islands	Unitary	17		2,849	0.05
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 Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	36,027 159,959 90,326	286,312	4.70
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17		8,544	0.14
Dominica	Unitary	11+12+13+14+15+16+17		19,943	0.33
Dominican Republic	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17 72*+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	121,187 915,145	1,036,332	17.01
Ecuador	Unitary	17*		5,673	0.09
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17		8,544	0.14
Eritrea		No arrears			
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary	17*		1,526	0.03
Gambia	Unitary	14+15+16+17		5,696	0.09
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece	Unitary	17*		85,460	1.40
Grenada	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17		17,094	0.28
Guatemala	Unitary	17*		3,676	0.06
Guinea	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	36,027 13,276 7,460	56,763	0.93
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17 90+91+92+93 92+93	36,027 13,276 3,858	53,161	0.87
Guyana		No arrears			
Haiti		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	
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	15*+16+17		6,029	0.10
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Unitary	17*		1,232	0.02
Iraq	Unitary	17		5,697	0.09
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy	Unitary	17*		629,592	10.33
Jamaica	Unitary	16*+17		3,635	0.06
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kiribati		No arrears			
Kuwait		No arrears			
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon	Unitary	17		5,697	0.09
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	13*+14+15+16+17		52,580	0.86
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania		No arrears			
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	16*+17		1,536	0.03
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	17*		753	0.01
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17 90*+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	36,027 12,217 7,460	55,704	0.91
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico	Unitary	17*		123,033	2.02
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17		34,441	0.57
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			

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	
Niger	Unitary  Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17 91+92+93 90*+91+92+93	36,027 10,120 5,883	52,030	0.85
Nigeria	Unitary	16*+17		16,301	0.27
Niue		No arrears			
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	17*		4,267	0.07
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	17*		166	0.00
Paraguay	Unitary	17		2,849	0.05
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar	Unitary	17		11,395	0.19
Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Republic of Moldova		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	Unitary	17		2,849	0.05
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal	Unitary	17*		216	0.00
Serbia	Paris Berne Nice Locarno	93* 91+92+93 93 93	79,996 135,984 6,447 2,247	224,674	3.69
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+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16+17 90+91+92+93	36,027 4,452	40,479	0.66
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain	Unitary	17		455,790	7.48
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname		No arrears			
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	06*+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15 +16+17		16,504	0.27
Tonga		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	
Trinidad and Tobago	Unitary	17		5,697	0.09
Tunisia	Unitary	16*+17		8,545	0.14
Turkey		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Tuvalu		No arrears			
Uganda	Unitary	15+16+17		4,272	0.07
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates	Unitary	17		11,395	0.19
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania	Unitary	17		1,424	0.02
United States of America	Unitary	16*+17		2,264,708	37.17
Uruguay		No arrears			
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Vanuatu	Unitary	17		1,424	0.02
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14+15+16+17		46,935	0.77
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	14+15+16+17		5,696	0.09
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe		No arrears			
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>6,092,843</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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

Unitary Contributions				4,569,989
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO				1,522,854
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>6,092,843</b>

**Observations**

2. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on June 30, 2017, approximately 6.09 million Swiss francs, of which about 4.57 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.52 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 6.09 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 35 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2017, this amount being 17.4 million Swiss francs.

3. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and August 31, 2017, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

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

4. 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 June 30, 2017, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and August 31, 2017, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate 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	214,738		9.03
	Berne frozen	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	133,328	348,066	
Burundi	Paris frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		214,738	5.57
Central African Republic	Paris frozen	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89	273,509		10.08
	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		10.57
	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		20.79
	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	1.43
Guinea	Paris frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148,779		5.97
	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	159,855	292,232	
Mauritania	Paris frozen	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219,120		9.59
	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		7.50
	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	1.43
Togo	Paris frozen	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377		5.71
	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	3.64
Yemen	WIPO frozen	87*+88+89		19,142	0.50
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>3,854,173</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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

	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)
Paris frozen	2,429,477
Berne frozen	1,295,054
WIPO frozen	129,642
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,854,173</b>

## Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

5. The following table shows the amounts due, on June 30, 2017, 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 July 1 and August 31, 2017, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

State	Union	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)	
			Total
Burundi	Paris		7,508
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	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>43,015</b>

## Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	36,393
Berne Union	6,622
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43,015</b>

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

6. 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.

7. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the "frozen" arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2007.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	"Frozen" arrears	WCF	Total
2007	2.86	3.64	4.54	0.06	11.10
2008	2.38	3.07	4.45	0.05	9.95
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	4.3	0.04	7.55
2015	1.89	1.77	3.92	0.04	7.62
2016	4.12	1.69	3.91	0.04	9.76

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