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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

Memorandum by the Director General

1. This document contains an updated version of Chapter II of document A/47/4 concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards working capital funds.

STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

*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 18, 2009, 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	Unitary	09		1 424	0.02
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	09*		66 400	1.14
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain	Unitary	09		5 697	0.10
Bangladesh		No arrears			
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium	Unitary	09*		19 001	0.32
Belize		No arrears			
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09		31 655	0.54
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	09*		86 907	1.49
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	07*+08+09		3 007	0.05
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	37 911	0.65
Cambodia	Unitary	09		1 424	0.02
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			

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Cape Verde	Unitary	98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09		19 005	0.32
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	45 371	0.78
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	45 371	0.78
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09		5 696	0.10
Congo	Unitary	07*+08+09		7 494	0.13
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	52 827		
	Paris	92+93	27 597		
	Berne	91*+92+93	26 872	107 296	1.84
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	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159 959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90 326	274 920	4.72
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07+08+09		9 968	0.17
Dominica		No arrears			
Dominican Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	75 611		
	Paris	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	966 204	1 041 815	17.88
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	09		1 424	0.02
Eritrea	Unitary	07+08+09		4 272	0.07
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	52 827		
	Paris	85*+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	189 491		
	Berne	85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	110 981	353 299	6.06
Gambia	Unitary	06*+07+08+09		5 031	0.09
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			

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Greece		No arrears			
Grenada		No arrears			
Guatemala		No arrears			
Guinea	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	45 371	0.78
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	92+93	3 858	41 769	0.72
Guyana		No arrears			
Haiti	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	10 428	35 063	0.60
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras		No arrears			
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq		No arrears			
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica	Unitary	09		2 849	0.05
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kuwait		No arrears			
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon ¹	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+09	52 127		
	Paris	87+88+89+90+91+92+93	133 889		
	Berne	86*+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	226 067		
	Nice	86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	17 946	430 029	7.38
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Unitary	00*+01+02+03+04+05+06+07		63 471	1.09
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	09		11 395	0.20
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	09		1 424	0.02
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			

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 three first installment payments were received in 2007 and 2008.

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Mali	Unitary	09*		1 008	0.02
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	45 371	0.78
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09		11 649	0.20
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	Unitary	06*+07+08+09		11 305	0.19
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	24 635		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	13 261		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	45 356	0.78
Nigeria	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09	296 098		
	Paris	91*+92+93	237 156	533 254	9.15
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	09*		201	0.00
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	08+09		5 698	0.10
Paraguay	Unitary	09*		128	0.00
Peru	Unitary	09		5 697	0.10
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		No arrears			
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	09		2 849	0.05
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe	Unitary	99*+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09		15 688	0.27
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal		No arrears			

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
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	18.40
Seychelles	Unitary	09		2 849	0.05
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 90+91+92+93	24 635 4 452	29 087	0.50
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain		No arrears			
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 Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+ 06+07+08+09 92*+93 92+93	24 635 5 393 3 858	33 886	0.58
Tonga		No arrears			
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia	Unitary	09*		3 258	0.06
Turkey	Unitary	09*		32 558	0.56
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Uganda	Unitary	09		1 424	0.02
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates	Unitary	09		11 395	0.20
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears			
United States of America	Unitary	09		1 139 475	19.55
Uruguay	Unitary	09		5 697	0.10
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	09*		6 279	0.11
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	09*		247	0.00
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe	Unitary	08+09		5 698	0.10

Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		3 258 790
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		2 569 368
Grand Total		5 828 158

100%

Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 18, 2009, about 5.8 million francs, of which 3.2 million francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 2.6 million francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 33.5% of the amount of the contributions payable for 2009, namely, 17.4 million francs.
4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 18 and September 22, 2009, 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 22, 2009, 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 18, 2009, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 18 and September 22, 2009, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Burkina Faso	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	217 518		7.99
	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	4.83
Central African Republic	Paris	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+ 86+87+88+89	273 509		8.73
	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		9.16
	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		18.02
	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	1.24
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779		5.17
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293	230 072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris	89		23 213	0.52
Haiti	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+ 86+87+88+89		347 037	7.81
Mali	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		6.69
	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		8.32
	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		6.50
	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	1.24
Togo	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		4.95
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87 785	220 162	
Uganda	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		172 283	3.88
United Republic of Tanzania	Paris	82*+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		200 932	4.52
Yemen	WIPO	87*+88+89		19 142	0.43

Total amount of arrears

Paris Union	3 012 137	
Berne Union	1 304 715	
WIPO	129 642	
Grand Total	4 446 494	100%

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

7. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 18, 2009, 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 18 and September 22, 2009, 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
Guinea	Paris	7 508	
	Berne	2 915	10 423
Mauritania	Paris		1 854

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	38 247
Berne Union	6 622
Grand Total	44 869

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
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
2007	2.9	3.6	4.5	0.1	11.1
2008	2.4	3.0	4.4	0.1	9.9

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 18, 2009.*

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