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#### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2010**

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1. This document contains an updated version of part two of document A/48/7 concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards the working capital funds.

#### **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 17, 2010, 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 8.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears ( <i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i> )	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Afghanistan		No arrears			
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra	Unitary	10		11 395	0.20
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	09*+10		98 958	1.74
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	Unitary	10*		46 809	0.82
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+10		34 504	0.61
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil		No arrears			
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	08*+09+10		3 147	0.06
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10	26 059		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	39 335	0.69
Cambodia	Unitary	10*		106	0.00
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Cape Verde	Unitary	09*+10		3 130	0.06
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10	26 059		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	46 795	0.82
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10	26 059		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	46 795	0.82
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10		7 120	0.12
Congo		No arrears			
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10	55 676		
	Paris	92+93	27 597		
	Berne	91*+92+93	23 451	106 724	1.87
Croatia		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
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 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	26 059 159 959 90 326	276 344	4.85
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10		11 392	0.20
Dominica	Unitary	10		2 849	0.05
Dominican Republic	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10 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	81 308 960 582	1 041 890	18.28
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	09+10		2 848	0.05
Eritrea	Unitary	10		1 424	0.02
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10 85*+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93 85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	55 676 188 421 110 981	355 078	6.23
Gambia	Unitary	10		1 424	0.02
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece	Unitary	10*		34 183	0.60
Grenada	Unitary	10		2 849	0.05
Guatemala		No arrears			
Guinea	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	26 059 13 276 7 460	46 795	0.82
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary Paris Berne	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10 90+91+92+93 92+93	26 059 13 276 3 858	43 193	0.76
Guyana	Unitary	10*		2 621	0.05
Haiti	Unitary Paris	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10 90*+91+92+93	26 059 10 428	36 487	0.64
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			

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
Iraq		No arrears			
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica	Unitary	10		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 <sup>1</sup>	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+10	52 127		
	Paris	88+89+90+91+92+93	111 201		
	Berne	87*+88+89+90+91+92+93	194 362		
	Nice	87+88+89+90+91+92+93	11 720	369 410	6.48
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Unitary	02*+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10		59 739	1.05
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	10		11 395	0.20
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	10		1 424	0.02
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	10*		1 054	0.02
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10	26 059		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	46 795	0.82
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10		14 498	0.26
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar	Unitary	10*		135	0.00
Namibia		No arrears			
Nepal		No arrears			
Netherlands		No arrears			

<sup>1</sup> 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 first installment payment was received during the year 2007.

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
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	06*+07+08+09+10		14 154	0.25
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10	26 059		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	12 538		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	46 057	0.81
Nigeria	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10	301 795		
	Paris	91*+92+93	237 156	538 951	9.46
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama		No arrears			
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	09+10		5 698	0.10
Paraguay	Unitary	10		2 849	0.05
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar	Unitary	10		5 697	0.10
Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation		No arrears			
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Unitary	10		2 849	0.05
Saint Lucia	Unitary	10		2 849	0.05
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	10		2 849	0.05
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01	847 668		
	Paris	93*	79 996		
	Berne	91+92+93	135 984		
	Nice	93	6 447		
	Locarno	93	2 247	1 072 342	18.81
Seychelles		No arrears			
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	26 059		
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	4 452	30 511	0.54
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			

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
Tajikistan		No arrears		
Thailand		No arrears		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		No arrears		
Togo	Unitary	00*+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10	15 080	0.26
Tonga		No arrears		
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears		
Tunisia		No arrears		
Turkey		No arrears		
Turkmenistan		No arrears		
Uganda		No arrears		
Ukraine		No arrears		
United Arab Emirates		No arrears		
United Kingdom		No arrears		
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears		
United States of America	Unitary	10	1 139 475	19.99
Uruguay		No arrears		
Uzbekistan		No arrears		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		No arrears		
Viet Nam		No arrears		
Yemen		No arrears		
Zambia		No arrears		
Zimbabwe	Unitary	08+09+10	8 547	0.15

**Total amount of arrears**

Unitary Contributions		3 210 740
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		2 488 662
Grand Total		5 699 402 100.00

**Observations**

- The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 17, 2010, about 5.7 million Swiss francs, of which 3.2 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 2.5 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 32.7% of the amount of the contributions payable for 2010, namely, 17.4 million Swiss francs.
- Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 20 and 29, 2010, 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 of September 17, 2010, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 20 and 29, 2010, 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 (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
Burkina Faso	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	217 518		8.05
	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	4.87
Central African Republic	Paris	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	273 509		8.80
	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		9.23
	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		18.16
	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	1.25
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779		5.21
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293	230 072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris	89		23 213	0.53
Haiti	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		347 037	7.87
Mali	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		6.72
	Berne	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	164 244	296 621	
Mauritania	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219 120		8.38
	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		6.56
	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	1.25
Togo	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		4.99
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87 785	220 162	
Uganda	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		170 124	3.86
United Republic of Tanzania	Paris	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89		169 274	3.84
Yemen	WIPO	87*+88+89		19 142	0.43

**Total amount of arrears**

Paris	2 978 320	
Berne	1 303 835	
WIPO	129 642	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4 411 797</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

6. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 17, 2010, 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 20 and 29, 2010, 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	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	
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

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. This reduction is partly explained by the total amount of contributions invoiced, which declined considerably between the years 1997 and 2000.



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 Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	“Frozen” arrears	WCF	Total
1997	4.98	6.43	4.71	0.10	16.22
1998	4.21	6.20	4.70	0.09	15.20
1999	3.90	5.71	4.68	0.09	14.38
2000	4.94	5.43	4.68	0.09	15.14
2001	3.87	5.00	4.68	0.08	13.63
2002	3.04	4.34	4.64	0.08	12.10
2003	4.37	4.09	4.63	0.08	13.17
2004	3.09	3.92	4.63	0.08	11.72
2005	3.40	3.84	4.58	0.07	11.89
2006	4.10	3.79	4.54	0.06	12.49
2007	2.86	3.64	4.54	0.06	11.10
2008	2.38	3.07	4.45	0.05	9.90
2009	2.15	2.55	4.44	0.05	9.19
2010*	3.21	2.49	4.41	0.04	10.15

\* as of September 17, 2010

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 and of working capital funds on September 17, 2010.*

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