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#### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

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1. The present document contains an updated version of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2015 (WO/PBC/24/9).

#### **ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

##### **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 September 1, 2015, 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 5 below.

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
				Total	
Afghanistan	Unitary	14+15		2 848	0.06
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	15*		32 559	0.64
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain	Unitary	15		5 697	0.11
Bangladesh		No arrears			
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium		No arrears			
Belize	Unitary	15		2 849	0.06
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15		22 792	0.45
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	15		91 158	1.79
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	33 179		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	46 455	0.91
Cabo Verde	Unitary	15*		2 287	0.04
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	33 179		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	53 915	1.06
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15	33 179		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	53 915	1.06
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15		14 240	0.28
Congo		No arrears			
Costa Rica	Unitary	15*		526	0.01
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15	69 921		
	Paris	92*+93	13 863		
	Berne	92+93	15 434	99 218	1.95
Croatia		No arrears			
Cuba		No arrears			
Cyprus		No arrears			

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
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 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	33 179 159 959 90 326	283 464	5.57
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14+15		5 696	0.11
Dominica	Unitary	10+11+12+13+14+15		17 094	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 71*+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+ 80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	109 793 926 252	1 036 045	20.36
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14+15		5 696	0.11
Eritrea	Unitary	15		1 424	0.03
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon		No arrears			
Gambia	Unitary	14+15		2 848	0.06
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece		No arrears			
Grenada	Unitary	10+11+12+13+14+15		17 094	0.33
Guatemala	Unitary	15*		2 030	0.04
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 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	33 179 13 276 7 460	53 915	1.06
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 90+91+92+93 92+93	33 179 13 276 3 858	50 313	0.99
Guyana	Unitary	15*		2 801	0.05
Haiti		No arrears			
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	11+12+13+14+15		14 245	0.28
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	15		5 697	0.11
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica		No arrears			

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
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan	Unitary	15*		2 410	0.05
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kiribati	Unitary	14*+15		1 556	0.03
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+14+15	57 824		
	Paris	91*+92+93	20 499		
	Berne	91+92+93	51 102		
	Nice	91+92+93	3 206	132 631	2.61
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	13*+14+15		29 790	0.59
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	15*		11 359	0.22
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	15		1 424	0.03
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	12*+13+14+15		5 149	0.10
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15	33 179		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	53 915	1.06
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15		28 743	0.56
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	33 179		
	Paris	91+92+93	10 120		
	Berne	90*+91+92+93	7 416	50 715	1.00

<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.

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
Nigeria	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15	330 280		
	Paris	92*+93	160 629	490 909	9.65
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	15*		464	0.01
Papua New Guinea		No arrears			
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	15*		89 738	1.76
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	15		2 849	0.06
Samoa	Unitary	15*		1 105	0.02
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia	Paris Berne Nice Locarno	93*	79 996		
		91+92+93	135 984		
		93	6 447		
		93	2 247	224 674	4.42
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+11+12+13+14+15	33 179		
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	4 452	37 631	0.74
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain	Unitary	15		455 790	8.96
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	02*+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15		19 352	0.38
Tonga	Unitary	15		2 849	0.06

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
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears		
Tunisia	Unitary	15*	2 848	0.06
Turkey		No arrears		
Turkmenistan		No arrears		
Tuvalu	Unitary	15	1 424	0.03
Uganda	Unitary	15	1 424	0.03
Ukraine		No arrears		
United Arab Emirates		No arrears		
United Kingdom		No arrears		
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears		
United States of America	Unitary	14*+15	1 481 317	29.12
Uruguay		No arrears		
Uzbekistan		No arrears		
Vanuatu		No arrears		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14+15	24 145	0.47
Viet Nam		No arrears		
Yemen	Unitary	14+15	2 848	0.06
Zambia		No arrears		
Zimbabwe	Unitary	14*+15	3 353	0.07

### Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		3 285 947	
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		1 801 286	
Grand Total		5 087 233	100.00%

### Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 1, 2015, approximately 5.1 million Swiss francs, of which 3.3 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.8 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 5.1 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 29.3 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2015, this amount being 17.4 million Swiss francs.

4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 1 and October 1, 2015, 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 September 1, 2015, 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 October 5, 2015, 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
				Total	
Burkina Faso	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	214 738		8.21
	Berne	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	136 011	350 749	
Burundi	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		214 738	5.03
Central African Republic	Paris	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	273 509		9.09
	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		9.54
	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		18.76
	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	1.29
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779		5.39
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293	230 072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris	89		23 213	0.54
Haiti	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		319 143	7.47
Mali	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		6.94
	Berne	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	163 926	296 303	
Mauritania	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219 120		8.66
	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		6.77
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	109 915	289 012	
Somalia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.29
Togo	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		5.16
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87 785	220 162	
Uganda	Paris	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89		140 372	3.29
United Republic of Tanzania	Paris	86*+87+88+89		90 554	2.12
Yemen	WIPO	87*+88+89		19 142	0.45

### Total amount of arrears

Paris	2 839 174	
Berne	1 301 808	
WIPO	129 642	
Grand Total	4 270 624	100.00%

### Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

6. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 1, 2015, 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 October 5, 2015, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Union	Amount due (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	
Mauritania	Paris		384

### Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	36 777
Berne Union	6 622
Grand Total	43 399

### 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 2015.

8. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2005.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	“Frozen” arrears	WCF	Total
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	3.12	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

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 as at September 1, 2015.*

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