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### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

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1. The present document contains an updated version of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2016 (WO/PBC/25/10).

### **ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

**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, 2016, 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 and asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Afghanistan		No arrears			
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	16		91,158	2.00
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	16*		445,990	9.78
Belize	Unitary	16		2,849	0.06
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16		25,641	0.56
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	16*		86,981	1.91
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	16		1,424	0.03
Burundi	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16	34,603	47,879	1.05
Cabo Verde	Unitary	15*+16		5,136	0.11
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+16	34,603		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	55,339	1.21
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16	34,603		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	55,339	1.21
Chile	Unitary	16*		331	0.00
China		No arrears			
Colombia	Unitary	16*		4,642	0.10
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16		15,664	0.34
Congo		No arrears			
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire		No arrears			
Croatia		No arrears			
Cuba		No arrears			
Cyprus		No arrears			
Czech Republic		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
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 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	34,603 159,959 90,326	284,888	6.25
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16		7,120	0.16
Dominica	Unitary	11+12+13+14+15+16		17,094	0.37
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 72*+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84 +85+86 +87+88+89+90+91+92+93	115,490 920,829	1,036,319	22.72
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16		7,120	0.16
Eritrea	Unitary	16		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+16		4,272	0.09
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece	Unitary	16*		51,277	1.13
Grenada	Unitary	11+12+13+14+15+16		17,094	0.37
Guatemala	Unitary	16*		501	0.01
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 90+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	34,603 13,276 7,460	55,339	1.21
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 90+91+92+93 92+93	34,603 13,276 3,858	51,737	1.14
Guyana		No arrears			
Haiti		No arrears			
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	15*+16		3,180	0.07
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	16		5,697	0.13
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica	Unitary	16		2,849	0.06
Japan		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears  <i>(partial payment is indicated by and asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Jordan	Unitary	16*		3,287	0.07
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kiribati		No arrears			
Kuwait		No arrears			
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Unitary	16		1,424	0.03
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon	Unitary	16		5,697	0.13
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	13*+14+15+16		41,185	0.90
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	16		11,395	0.25
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	16*		112	0.00
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali		No arrears			
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 90*+91+92+93 90+91+92+93	34,603 13,226 7,460	55,289	1.21
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16		31,592	0.70
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 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 91+92+93 90*+91+92+93	34,603 10,120 6,712	51,435	1.13
Nigeria	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 92*+93	335,977 160,629	496,606	10.89
Niue		No arrears			
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	16*		742	0.02
Papua New Guinea		No arrears			
Paraguay		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
		<i>(partial payment is indicated by and asterisk)</i>			
Peru	Unitary	16		11,395	0.25
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	16		2,849	0.06
Samoa	Unitary	16*		375	0.00
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia	Paris Berne Nice Locarno	93* 91+92+93 93 93	79,996 135,984 6,447 2,247	224,674	4.93
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 90+91+92+93	34,603 4,452	39,055	0.86
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	02*+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 +15+16		20,776	0.46
Tonga	Unitary	16		2,849	0.06
Trinidad and Tobago	Unitary	16		5,697	0.13
Tunisia	Unitary	16*		2,848	0.06
Turkey		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Tuvalu		No arrears			
Uganda	Unitary	15+16		2,848	0.06
Ukraine		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears  <i>(partial payment is indicated by and asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
United Arab Emirates		No arrears			
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears			
United States of America	Unitary	16*		1,125,233	24.67
Uruguay		No arrears			
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Vanuatu		No arrears			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14+15+16		35,540	0.78
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	14+15+16		4,272	0.09
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe		No arrears			
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>4,561,459</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Total amount of arrears**

Unitary Contributions		2,870,454
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		1,691,005
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>4,561,459</b>

**Observations**

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on September 1, 2016, 4.56 million Swiss francs, of which 2.87 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.69 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 4.56 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 26.2 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2016, this amount being 17.4 million Swiss francs.

4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between September 1 and October 3, 2016, 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, 2016, 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 3, 2016, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears  <i>(partial payment is indicated by and 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		7.59
	Berne frozen	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 +87+88+89	159,897	292,274	
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>3,854,215</b>	<b>100.00</b>

	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)
Paris	2,429,477
Berne	1,295,096
WIPO	129,642
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,854,215</b>

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

6. The following table shows the amounts due, on September 1, 2016, 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 3, 2016, 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
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>43,399</b>

**Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds**

Paris Union	36,777
Berne Union	6,622
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43,399</b>

**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 2012.



8. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2006.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	“Frozen” arrears	WCF	Total
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
2015	1.89	1.77	3.92	0.04	7.62

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, 2016” (document A/56/11).*

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