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### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2011**

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1. The present document contains document WO/PBC/18/18 (Status of the Payment Contributions as of June 30, 2011), which is being submitted to the WIPO Program and Budget Committee (PBC) at its eighteenth session (September 12 to 16, 2011).
2. The recommendation of the PBC in respect of this document will be included in the "Summary of Recommendations Made by the Program and Budget Committee at its Eighteenth Session Held from September 12 to 16, 2011" (document A/49/16).
3. *The General Assembly is invited to approve the recommendation of the Program and Budget Committee made in respect of document WO/PBC/18/18, as recorded in document A/49/16.*

[Document WO/PBC/18/18 follows]



## **Program and Budget Committee**

### **Eighteenth Session**

**Geneva, September 12 to 16, 2011**

#### **STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2011**

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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 Program and Budget Committee is invited to recommend to the General Assembly of WIPO to take note of the contents of this document.*

[Status of Contributions follows]

## ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

### Arrears in Annual Contributions (Except for Arrears of the Least Developed Countries, Placed in a specific (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990)

1. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on June 30, 2011, 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 4 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	11		1 424	0.02
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra	Unitary	10+11		22 790	0.33
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina		No arrears			
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	11*		435 082	6.30
Belize		No arrears			
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11		34 188	0.49
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil		No arrears			
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	11*		1 247	0.02
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	40 759	0.59
Cambodia		No arrears			
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Cape Verde	Unitary	09*+10+11		5 979	0.09

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
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	48 219	0.70
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	48 219	0.70
Chile	Unitary	11*		1 339	0.02
China		No arrears			
Colombia	Unitary	11*		4 831	0.07
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11		8 544	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+11	58 525		
	Paris	92+93	27 597		
	Berne	91*+92+93	21 286	107 408	1.56
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+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159 959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90 326	277 768	4.02
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11		12 816	0.19
Dominica	Unitary	10+11		5 698	0.08
Dominican Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	87 005		
	Paris	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	960 582	1 047 587	15.17
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	10+11		2 848	0.04
Eritrea	Unitary	10+11		2 848	0.04
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	58 525		
	Paris	86*+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	168 969		
	Berne	86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	99 102	326 596	4.73
Gambia	Unitary	10+11		2 848	0.04
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		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
Greece	Unitary	11*		34 183	0.49
Grenada	Unitary	10+11		5 698	0.08
Guatemala		No arrears			
Guinea	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	48 219	0.70
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	92+93	3 858	44 617	0.65
Guyana	Unitary	11*		1 378	0.02
Haiti	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	91*+92+93	9 004	36 487	0.53
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India	Unitary	11		91 158	1.32
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	11		5 697	0.08
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
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+11	52 127		
	Paris	89+90+91+92+93	88 032		
	Berne	88*+89+90+91+92+93	159 000		
	Nice	88+89+90+91+92+93	9 632	308 791	4.47
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Unitary	02*+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11		71 134	1.03
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	11		11 395	0.17
Luxembourg		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
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi	Unitary	10+11		2 848	0.04
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	11*		958	0.01
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	48 219	0.70
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11		17 347	0.25
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar		No arrears			
Namibia		No arrears			
Nepal	Unitary	11		1 424	0.02
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand	Unitary	11		136 737	1.98
Nicaragua	Unitary	06*+07+08+09+10+11		17 003	0.25
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	27 483		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	12 029		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	46 972	0.68
Nigeria	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11	307 492		
	Paris	91*+92+93	237 156	544 648	7.89
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama		No arrears			
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Paraguay	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines	Unitary	11		5 697	0.08
Poland	Unitary	11*		34 188	0.49
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar	Unitary	10+11		17 092	0.25
Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation	Unitary	11*		43 458	0.63
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Saint Lucia	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	10+11		5 698	0.08
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		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
Senegal		No 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	15.52
Seychelles		No arrears			
Sierra Leone		No arrears			
Singapore		No arrears			
Slovakia	Unitary	11*		18 000	0.26
Slovenia		No arrears			
Somalia	Unitary WIPO	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11 90+91+92+93	27 483 4 452	31 935	0.46
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain	Unitary	11		455 790	6.60
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	01*+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11		15 080	0.22
Tonga	Unitary	11		2 849	0.04
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia		No arrears			
Turkey	Unitary	11		91 158	1.32
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Uganda		No arrears			
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates	Unitary	11		11 395	0.17
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania	Unitary	11		1 424	0.02
United States of America	Unitary	11		1 139 475	16.50
Uruguay	Unitary	11		5 697	0.08
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	11*		10 131	0.15
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	11*		122	0.00
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe	Unitary	08+09+10+11		11 396	0.17

### Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		4 514 207	
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		2 392 614	
Grand Total		6 906 821	100.00



## Observations

2. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on June 30, 2011, about 6.9 million Swiss francs, of which 4.5 million francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 2.4 million francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears corresponds to 39.6 per cent of the amount of the contributions payable for 2011, namely, 17.4 million francs.

3. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and September 20, 2011, 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 of June 30, 2011, 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 September 20, 2011, 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 (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		8.81
	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		9.24
	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		18.17
	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		5.22
	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	163 926	296 303	

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears ( <i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i> )	Amount of Arrears ( <i>Swiss francs</i> )		% of Total Arrears
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		6.55
	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	1.25
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		168 886	3.83
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	2 977 082	
Berne	1 303 363	
WIPO	129 642	
Grand Total	4 410 087	100.00

### Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

5. The following table shows the amounts due, on June 30, 2011, 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 September 20, 2011, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

State	Union	Amount due ( <i>Swiss francs</i> )	
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

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 2000.

7. 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	3.12	2.43	4.41	0.04	10.00	
2011*	4.52	2.39	4.41	0.04	11.36	

\* as of June 30, 2011

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