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**Program and Budget Committee**

**Twenty-Fifth Session**

**Geneva, August 29 to September 2, 2016**

STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2016

*Document prepared by Secretariat*

1. This document contains information concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards the working capital funds.
2. The following decision paragraph is proposed.

*3.* *The Program and Budget Committee took note of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2016 (document WO/PBC/25/10).*

[Status of Contributions follows]

**Arrears in contributions as AT June 30, 2016**

**Arrears in Annual Contributions**

**(Except for Arrears of the Least Developed Countries, Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990)**

1. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on June 30, 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 4 below.

| **State** | **Unitary/ Union/ WIPO** | **No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears**  | **Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)** | **% of Total Arrears** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | ***(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)*** |  | **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 | 1.57 |
| 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 | 7.67 |
| Belize | Unitary | 16 |   | 2,849 | 0.05 |
| Benin | Unitary | 16\* |   | 405 | 0.00 |
| Bhutan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | Unitary | 08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16 |   | 25,641 | 0.44 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Botswana | Unitary | 16 |   | 2,849 | 0.05 |
| Brazil | Unitary | 16\* |   | 86,981 | 1.50 |
| Brunei Darussalam |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Bulgaria |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Burkina Faso | Unitary | 16 |   | 1,424 | 0.02 |
| 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 | 0.82 |
| Cabo Verde | Unitary | 15\*+16 |   | 5,136 | 0.09 |
| 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 | 0.95 |
| 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 | 0.95 |
| Chile | Unitary | 16\* |   | 331 | 0.00 |
| China |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Colombia | Unitary | 16\* |   | 6,202 | 0.11 |
| Comoros | Unitary | 06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16 |   | 15,664 | 0.27 |
| Congo |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Costa Rica | Unitary | 16\* |   | 531 | 0.00 |
| Côte d'Ivoire |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| 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+12+13+14+15+16 | 34,603 |   |   |
| Paris | 90+91+92+93 | 159,959 |   |   |
| Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 90,326 | 284,888 | 4.90 |
| Denmark |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Djibouti | Unitary | 12+13+14+15+16 |   | 7,120 | 0.12 |
| Dominica | Unitary | 11+12+13+14+15+16 |   | 17,094 | 0.29 |
| Dominican 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 | 115,490 |   |   |
| Paris | 72\*+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 +87+88+89+90+91+92+93 | 920,829 | 1,036,319 | 17.83 |
| Ecuador | Unitary | 16\* |   | 1,429 | 0.02 |
| Egypt |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| El Salvador |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Equatorial Guinea | Unitary | 12+13+14+15+16 |   | 7,120 | 0.12 |
| Eritrea | Unitary | 16 |   | 1,424 | 0.02 |
| Estonia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Ethiopia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Fiji | Unitary | 16 |   | 2,849 | 0.05 |
| Finland |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| France | Unitary | 16\* |   | 729,237 | 12.54 |
| Gabon |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Gambia | Unitary  | 14+15+16 |   | 4,272 | 0.07 |
| Georgia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Germany |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Ghana |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Greece | Unitary | 16\* |   | 85,460 | 1.47 |
| Grenada | Unitary | 11+12+13+14+15+16 |   | 17,094 | 0.29 |
| Guatemala | Unitary | 16\* |   | 501 | 0.00 |
| Guinea   | 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 | 0.95 |
| Guinea-Bissau   | 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 | 92+93 | 3,858 | 51,737 | 0.90 |
| Guyana |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Haiti |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Holy See |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Honduras | Unitary | 15\*+16 |   | 3,180 | 0.05 |
| Hungary |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Iceland |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| India |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Indonesia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Iraq | Unitary | 16 |   | 5,697 | 0.11 |
| Ireland |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Israel  |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Italy |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Jamaica | Unitary | 16 |   | 2,849 | 0.05 |
| Japan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Jordan | Unitary | 16\* |   | 3,287 | 0.06 |
| Kazakhstan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Kenya |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Kiribati |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Kuwait |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Kyrgyzstan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | Unitary | 16 |   | 1,424 | 0.02 |
| Latvia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Lebanon | Unitary | 16 |   | 5,697 | 0.11 |
| Lesotho |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Liberia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Libya | Unitary | 13\*+14+15+16 |   | 41,185 | 0.71 |
| Liechtenstein |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Lithuania | Unitary | 16 |   | 11,395 | 0.20 |
| Luxembourg |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Madagascar |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Malawi | Unitary | 15+16 |   | 2,848 | 0.05 |
| Malaysia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Maldives | Unitary | 16 |   | 2,849 | 0.05 |
| Mali |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| 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+16 | 34,603 |   |   |
| Paris | 90\*+91+92+93 | 13,226 |   |   |
| Berne | 90+91+92+93 | 7,460 | 55,289 | 0.95 |
| 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 | 0.54 |
| 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+16 | 34,603 |   |   |
| Paris | 91+92+93 | 10,120 |   |   |
| Berne | 90\*+91+92+93 | 6,875 | 51,598 | 0.89 |
| Nigeria  | Unitary | 94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04 +05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16 | 335,977 |   |   |
| Paris | 92\*+93 | 160,629 | 496,606 | 8.54 |
| Niue |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Norway |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Oman | Unitary | 16 |   | 11,395 | 0.20 |
| Pakistan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Panama | Unitary | 16\* |   | 742 | 0.01 |
| Papua New Guinea |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Paraguay |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Peru | Unitary | 16 |   | 11,395 | 0.20 |
| 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 | 15+16 |   | 5,698 | 0.10 |
| Samoa | Unitary | 16\* |   | 375 | 0.00 |
| San Marino |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Sao Tome and Principe |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Saudi Arabia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Senegal | Unitary | 16\* |   | 464 | 0.00 |
| Serbia    | Paris | 93\* | 79,996 |   |   |
| Berne | 91+92+93 | 135,984 |   |   |
| Nice | 93 | 6,447 |   |   |
| Locarno | 93 | 2,247 | 224,674 | 3.87 |
| 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+16 | 34,603 |   |   |
| WIPO  | 90+91+92+93 | 4,452 | 39,055 | 0.68 |
| South Africa |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Spain | Unitary | 16 |   | 455,790 | 7.84 |
| 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 | 0.36 |
| Tonga | Unitary | 16 |   | 2,849 | 0.05 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | Unitary | 16 |   | 5,697 | 0.11 |
| Tunisia | Unitary | 16\* |   | 2,848 | 0.05 |
| Turkey |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Turkmenistan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Tuvalu |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Uganda | Unitary | 15+16 |   | 2,848 | 0.05 |
| Ukraine |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| United Arab Emirates |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| United Kingdom |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| United Republic of Tanzania | Unitary | 16 |   | 1,424 | 0.02 |
| United States of America | Unitary | 16\* |   | 1,125,233 | 19.36 |
| Uruguay |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Uzbekistan |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Vanuatu | Unitary | 16 |   | 1,424 | 0.02 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | Unitary | 13\*+14+15+16 |   | 35,540 | 0.61 |
| Viet Nam |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Yemen | Unitary | 14+15+16 |   | 4,272 | 0.08 |
| Zambia |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| Zimbabwe |   | No arrears |   |   |   |
| **Grand Total** |  |  | **5,813,596** |  **100.00** |

**Total amount of arrears (Except for arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Unitary Contributions |  |  4,122,428 |
| Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO |  |  1,691,168 |
| **Grand Total** |  |  **5,813,596** |

**Observations**

1. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on June 30, 2016, approximately 5.8 million Swiss francs, of which 4.1 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.7 million Swiss francs concern the pre‑1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution‑financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 5.8 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 33.4 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2016, this amount being 17.4 million Swiss francs.
2. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and August 31, 2016, 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**

1. 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 June 30, 2016, 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 August 31, 2016, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

| **State** | **Unitary/ Union/ WIPO** | **No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears** | **Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)** | **% of Total Arrears** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | ***(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)*** |  | **Total** |  |
| Burkina Faso | Paris frozen | 78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 214,738 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 77\*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 | 133,328 |   |   |
|   |   | +87+88+89 |   | 348,066 | 8.89 |
| Burundi | Paris frozen | 78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88 +89 |   | 214,738 | 5.49 |
| Central African Republic | Paris frozen | 76\*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89 | 273,509 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 80\*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 114,858 | 388,367 | 9.92 |
| Chad | Paris frozen | 71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81 +82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 250,957 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82 +83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 156,387 | 407,344 | 10.40 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Paris frozen | 81\*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 500,200 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 81\*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 301,015 | 801,215 | 20.47 |
| Gambia | WIPO frozen | 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 |   | 55,250 | 1.41 |
| Guinea | Paris frozen | 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 148,779 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 83\*+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 81,293 | 230,072 | 5.88 |
| Guinea-Bissau | Paris frozen | 89 |   | 23,213 | 0.59 |
| Mali | Paris frozen | 84+85+86+87+88+89 | 132,377 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 76\*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 +87+88+89 | 160,039 | 292,416 | 7.47 |
| Mauritania  | Paris frozen | 77\*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 | 219,120 |   |   |
|   |   | +87+88+89 |   |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84 +85+86+87+ 88+89 | 150,618 | 369,738 | 9.45 |
| Niger  | Paris frozen | 81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 179,097 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 80\*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 109,915 | 289,012 | 7.38 |
| Somalia  | WIPO frozen | 83+84+85+86+87+88+89 |   | 55,250 | 1.41 |
| Togo  | Paris frozen | 84+85+86+87+88+89 | 132,377 |   |   |
|   | Berne frozen | 83\*+84+85+86+87+88+89 | 87,785 | 220,162 | 5.63 |
| Uganda  | Paris frozen | 83\*+84 +85+86+87+88+89 |   | 140,372 | 3.59 |
| United Republic of Tanzania |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Paris frozen | 87\*+88+89 |   | 59,941 | 1.53 |
| Yemen  | WIPO frozen | 87\*+88+89 |   | 19,142 | 0.49 |
| **Grand Total** |   |   |   | **3,914,298** | **100.00** |

**Total amount of arrears placed in a Special (Frozen) Account**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |   |   | **Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)** |
| Paris |   |   | 2,489,418 |
| Berne |   |   | 1,295,238 |
| WIPO |   |   | 129,642 |
| **Grand Total** |  |  | **3,914,298** |

**AMOUNTS DUE TOWARDS THE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS**

1. The following table shows the amounts due, on June 30, 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 July 1 and August 31, 2016, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

| **State** | **Union** | **Amount due*(Swiss francs)*** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** |
| 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 |  | 384 |
| **Grand Total** |  |  | **43,399** |

**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**

1. 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.
2. 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 |

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