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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT APRIL 30, 2023

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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 following decision paragraph is proposed.

3. *The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the “Status of the Payment of Contributions as at April 30, 2023” (document WO/PBC/36/7).*

[Status of the Payment of Contributions as at April 30, 2023 follows]

ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT APRIL 30, 2023

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

1. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on April 30, 2023, 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 (CF) Unions (Paris, Berne, IPC, Nice, Locarno, Vienna) and of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), for States which are members of WIPO but not members of any of the Unions, with the exception of arrears in contributions of 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		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Afghanistan		No arrears			
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra	Unitary	23		11,395	0.13
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	22*+23		146,185	1.69
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain	Unitary	23		5,697	0.07
Bangladesh	Unitary	23		1,424	0.02
Barbados	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium	Unitary	23		455,790	5.28
Belize	Unitary	19+20+21+22+23		14,245	0.17
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan	Unitary	23		1,424	0.02
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	22+23		5,698	0.07
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	21*+22+23		182,865	2.12
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	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+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276	57,847	0.67
Cabo Verde	Unitary	22*+23		4,205	0.05
Cambodia	Unitary	23		1,424	0.02
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada	Unitary	23		455,790	5.28
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	65,307	0.76
Chad	Unitary	01*+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		31,953	0.37

State	Unitary/ Union/ WPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
		(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)		Total	
Chile	Unitary	23		11,395	0.13
China	Unitary	23		455,790	5.28
Colombia	Unitary	23*		10,752	0.12
Comoros	Unitary	07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		24,208	0.28
Congo	Unitary	20*+21+22+23		8,984	0.10
Cook Islands		No arrears			
Costa Rica	Unitary	22*+23		5,987	0.07
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	22*+23		6,624	0.08
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159,959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90,326	294,856	3.42
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		17,088	0.20
Dominica	Unitary	20+21+22+23		11,396	0.13
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	155,369		
	Paris	75*+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	881,422	1,036,791	12.02
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14+15+ 16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		25,638	0.30
Eritrea	Unitary	22+23		2,848	0.03
Estonia		No arrears			
Eswatini	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary	21*+22+23		6,994	0.08
Gambia		No arrears			
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece	Unitary	23*		102,554	1.19
Grenada	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Guatemala	Unitary	23		5,697	0.07
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	65,307	0.76
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	92+93	3,858	61,705	0.72
Guyana	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Haiti	Unitary	22+23		2,848	0.03

State	Unitary/ Union/ WPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India	Unitary	23		91,158	1.06
Indonesia	Unitary	23		45,579	0.53
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	22+23		22,790	0.26
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy		No arrears			
Jamaica	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Japan	Unitary	23		1,139,475	13.21
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kiribati	Unitary	23		1,424	0.02
Kuwait		No arrears			
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon	Unitary	21+22+23		17,091	0.20
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	16*+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		52,580	0.61
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania		No arrears			
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi		No arrears			
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Mali	Unitary	22*+23		2,213	0.03
Malta		No arrears			
Marshall Islands	Unitary	23*		119	0.00
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	91*+92+93	8,521		
	Berne	91+92+93	5,665	58,757	0.68
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico	Unitary	23*		123,063	1.43
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	16*+ 17+18+19+20+21+22+23		20,889	0.24
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar	Unitary	23*		753	0.01
Namibia		No arrears			
Nauru	Unitary	23*		2,547	0.03
Nepal	Unitary	22+23		2,848	0.03
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	Paris	91*+92+93	7,145		
	Berne	91+92+93	5,665	57,381	0.67
Nigeria	Unitary	22*+23		14,375	0.17
Niue	Unitary	23		1,424	0.02
North Macedonia		No arrears			
Norway		No arrears			
Oman	Unitary	23		11,395	0.13
Pakistan	Unitary	23		11,395	0.13
Panama	Unitary	23		5,697	0.07
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	23*		2,644	0.03
Paraguay		No arrears			
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar		No arrears			
Republic of Korea	Unitary	23		455,790	5.28
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation	Unitary	22*+23		486,649	5.64
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Unitary	22+23		5,698	0.07
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia		No arrears			
Seychelles		No arrears			
Sierra Leone		No arrears			
Singapore	Unitary	23		11,395	0.13
Slovakia		No arrears			
Slovenia		No arrears			
Solomon Islands	Unitary	22+23		2,848	0.03
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+17+18+19+20+21+22+23	44,571		
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	4,452	49,023	0.57
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain	Unitary	23		455,790	5.28
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname	Unitary	19+20+21+22+23		14,245	0.17
Sweden	Unitary	23*		512,769	5.94
Switzerland		No arrears			
Syrian Arab Republic		No arrears			
Tajikistan		No arrears			
Thailand		No arrears			
Timor-Leste	Unitary	22*+23		1,567	0.02
Togo	Unitary	08*+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		22,200	0.26
Tonga	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia		23*		2,136	0.02
Türkiye		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Tuvalu	Unitary	22+23		2,848	0.03
Uganda	Unitary	23		1,424	0.02
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates	Unitary	23		11,395	0.13
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears			
United States of America	Unitary	23		1,139,475	13.21
Uruguay	Unitary	23		5,697	0.07
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Vanuatu	Unitary	23		2,849	0.03
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23		115,305	1.34
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	14+15+16+17+ 18+19+20+21+22+23		14,240	0.17
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe		No arrears			
Grand Total				8,626,141	100

Total amount of arrears (except for arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account concerning the years preceding 1990)

Total amount of arrears				
Unitary Contributions				7,391,104
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO				1,235,037
Grand Total				8,626,141

Observations

2. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on April 30, 2023, 8.6 million Swiss francs, of which 7.4 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.24 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the CF Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 8.6 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 49 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2023, this amount being 17.6 million Swiss francs.

3. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between May 1 and May 31, 2023, 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 at April 30, 2023, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between May 1 and May 31, 2023, 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 (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Burkina Faso	Paris frozen	78*+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	206,923		
	Berne frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	131,084	338,007	8.92
Burundi	Paris frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88 +89		214,738	5.67
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	10.25
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	10.75
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	21.15
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	6.07
Guinea-Bissau	Paris frozen	89		23,213	0.61
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	159,485	291,862	7.70
Mauritania	Paris frozen	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219,120		
	Berne frozen	74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89	150,618	369,738	9.76
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	7.63
Somalia	WIPO frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55,250	1.46
Togo	Paris frozen	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377		
	Berne frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87,785	220,162	5.81
Uganda	Paris frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89		140,372	3.71
Yemen	WIPO frozen	87*+88+89		19,142	0.51
Grand Total				3,788,494	100.00

Total amount of arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account concerning the years preceding 1990

				Amount of Arrears (in Swiss Francs)
Paris frozen				2,421,662
Berne frozen				1,292,440
WIPO frozen				74,392
Grand Total				3,788,494

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

5. The following table shows the amounts due, on April 30, 2023, 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 May 1 and 31, 2023, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

			Total
Burundi	Paris		3,408
Central African Republic	Paris		943
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	14,057	
	Berne	1,727	15,784
Guinea	Paris	7,508	
	Berne	2,915	10,423
Grand Total			30,558

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	25,916
Berne Union	4,642
Grand Total	30,558

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 and working capital funds have been reduced significantly. On December 31, 1993, the total arrears in contributions and working capital funds amounted to 15.12 million Swiss francs and the number of countries having to pay an annual contribution was 140. On December 31, 2022, the total arrears in contributions and working capital funds amounted to 7.87 million Swiss francs and the number of countries having to pay an annual contribution was 194.

7. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2013.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	"Frozen" arrears	WCF	Total
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
2016	2.24	1.69	3.85	0.04	7.82
2017	1.59	1.52	3.85	0.04	7.00
2018	2.13	1.50	3.85	0.04	7.52
2019	3.09	1.28	3.85	0.04	8.26
2020	2.28	1.27	3.84	0.04	7.43
2021	2.23	1.27	3.84	0.04	7.38
2022	2.81	1.24	3.79	0.03	7.87

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