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RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

REPORT ON MEASURES TAKEN TO FACILITATE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND STATUS REPORT ON MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN A PAYMENT PLAN

1. The purpose of this document is to update Members on the actions taken to promote and facilitate payment of contributions and to provide a status report with regard to Member States currently participating in a payment plan.

Background

2. At its 42nd regular session, the General Conference adopted criteria and guidelines for the consideration of future requests for the restoration of voting rights as contained in document GC(42)/10. With the authorization of the General Conference, the Board subsequently endorsed measures outlined in document GOV/1998/54/Rev.2 to facilitate payment of contributions by Member States in arrears. These measures include provision for a payment plan to be agreed between the Secretariat and a Member State wishing to have its voting rights restored. Under a payment plan the total amount in arrears to the Regular Budget is to be paid on an installment basis lasting not more than five years. The payment plan requires in addition full payment of outstanding advances to the Working Capital Fund and payment of the current year's assessed contribution.

Actions Taken

3. On 23 February 2000, letters were sent to 36 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2000 unless a specified minimum amount was paid. Attention was drawn to the decisions of the General Conference and the Board so that the Member State in question could take action to settle its arrears and have its voting rights restored if it so wished. The availability of a payment plan to facilitate the process was explained.

4. In response to these letters, four Member States made partial payments towards the amount required to have their voting rights restored and one Member State paid the minimum amount required.
5. On 19 July 2000, reminder letters were sent to 34 Member States, urging them to take the necessary action to settle their arrears. The Secretariat was in discussion with one Member State, Kazakhstan, regarding a payment plan. Since then, three Member States have paid the required amount and one Member State has made a partial payment towards the amount required to restore voting rights.
6. A final reminder was sent on 28 August 2000 by fax/telex to 32 Member States still faced with the loss of voting rights. To date, one Member State has paid the required amount to have its voting rights restored and two Member States have made a partial payment.
7. The Republic of Belarus concluded a five-year payment plan agreement with the Agency in 1999, and is making payments as agreed. The status of this payment plan can be found in the attached annex. Kazakhstan is negotiating the modalities of a payment plan, which should be in place for consideration by the General Conference next year.
8. A status report on the financial contributions of Member States to the Agency can be found in document GC(44)/INF/14 together with a list of Member States which have no voting rights and the minimum amount payable in order to regain voting rights.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN A PAYMENT PLAN
AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER 2000**

[expressed in United States dollars]

Member	Date of plan	Arrears	Annual installment of arrears *	Current year assessment	Total due current year	Received towards payment plan	Balance payable towards this year's payment plan
Belarus	1999	2 010 242	500 974	120 788	621 762	627 000	-

* Annual installment is 20% of arrears at the time payment plan is adopted. Each Member must, in addition, pay current year's assessment (Regular Budget) and any increase in Working Capital Fund in full.