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Report on Measures Taken to Facilitate Payment of Contributions and Status Report on Member States Participating in a Payment Plan

Report by the Director General

A. Background

1. At the 53rd regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2009.
2. The purpose of this document is to provide Member States with updated information on actions taken by the Secretariat to promote and facilitate payment of contributions since the 53rd regular session of the General Conference and to provide a status report with regard to Member States currently participating in a payment plan.

B. Actions Taken

3. On 15 March 2010, the Secretariat sent letters to 16 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2010, informing them of the minimum amount they would have to pay in order to regain the right to vote. The attention of those Member States was drawn to the relevant decisions of the General Conference and the Board of Governors, and the availability of a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, two Member States paid more than the minimum amount necessary in their cases to restore their right to vote and one Member State made a partial payment.

4. Reminder letters were sent on 19 July 2010 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently one Member State paid more than the minimum amount required.
5. A final reminder was sent by facsimile on 27 August 2010 to Member States without voting rights and subsequently, three Member States paid the amount necessary in their cases to regain their rights to vote.
6. There are seven Member States which are currently participating in payment plans with the Agency. The status of these can be found in the Annex to this document.
7. Out of these seven Member States, four Member States — Afghanistan, Dominican Republic, Gabon and Georgia — are participating in payment plan agreements for a period of 10 years with the Agency and one Member State — Republic of Moldova — is participating in a seven year payment plan. These Member States' voting rights in the Agency were restored until the end of their respective payment plans on the understanding that they continued to meet the requirement of their respective payment plans (GC(48)/DEC/9, GC(51)/DEC/10, GC(53)/DEC/8 and GC(51)/DEC/9). To date, Afghanistan, Georgia and Republic of Moldova have paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirement of their respective payment plans in 2010 and therefore have voting rights. Gabon, by making a partial payment until today only, did not meet the requirements of the payment plan and is automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2010. Dominican Republic was automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2008 as the requirements of the payment plan were not met and currently has not yet made the required payments. Dominican Republic has not submitted request for the restoration of its voting rights which would need to be forwarded to the General Conference.
8. The other two Member States – Cambodia and Uzbekistan – have entered into payment plan agreements with the Agency for a period of 10 years, which came into effect in 2009. Cambodia has not paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of the payment plan and has not submitted request for the restoration of voting rights. Uzbekistan has made the payments required to meet the requirements of the payment plan and has submitted request for the restoration of voting rights in the Agency which would need to be forwarded to the General Conference.
9. To date, 14 Member States¹, including four Member States who have not fulfilled the requirements of the payment plan, have no voting rights with the Agency.

¹ Benin, Bolivia, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Paraguay, Sierra Leone and Uzbekistan.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS
AS AT 20 SEPTEMBER 2010**

[expressed in euros]

Member	Beginning of plan	Duration	Arrears outstanding	Annual instalment of arrears*	Current year assessment	Total due current year	Received towards this year's payment plan	Balance payable towards this year's payment plan
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	2004	10 years	41 217	10 283	2 476	12 759	12 759	-
Cambodia	2009	10 years	224 457	41 372	2 499	43 871	-	43 871
Dominican Republic	2008	10 years	950 936	243 000	162 286	405 286	49 929	355 357
Gabon	2009	10 years	258 064	27 811	20 584	48 395	16 691	31 704
Georgia	2007	10 years	459 418	63 706	7 452	71 158	71 158	-
Republic of Moldova	2007	7 years	179 352	43 605	2 514	46 119	46 119	-
Uzbekistan	2009	10 years	327 649	36 087	19 956	56 043	56 043	-

* In addition to the annual instalment agreed to at the time the payment plan is adopted, each Member must pay the current year's assessment (Regular Budget) and any increase in the Working Capital Fund.