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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 56th regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2012.
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 56th regular session of the General Conference and to provide a status report on Member States currently participating in a payment plan.

B. Actions Taken

3. On 14 March 2013, the Secretariat sent letters to Member States which had no voting rights in the Agency during 2013, 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 article of the Statute of the Agency and the availability of a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, one Member State paid the minimum amount required for the restoration of their voting rights.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 3 July 2013 urging Member States to take action in order to regain their right to vote.

5. A final reminder was sent by facsimile on 21 August 2013 to those Member States without voting rights; subsequently 3 Member States paid the minimum amount required.

6. There are six 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 six Member States, five Member States — Afghanistan, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Georgia and Uzbekistan — are participating in payment plan agreements for a period of ten years with the Agency. The voting rights of these Member States were restored until the end of their respective payment plans on condition that they continued to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans (see General Conference decisions GC(48)/DEC/9, GC(51)/DEC/9, GC(51)/DEC/10, GC(53)/DEC/8, and GC(54)/DEC/9). Afghanistan, Georgia and Uzbekistan have paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their payment plans in 2013 and therefore currently have voting rights. Afghanistan has paid the last instalment of its payment plan, thereby completing its payment plan. Gabon has not met the requirements of its payment plans and is therefore automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2013. Dominican Republic was automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2008 as the requirements of its payment plan were not met and it has not yet made the required payments.

8. Cambodia has entered into a payment plan agreement with the Agency for a period of ten years, which came into effect in 2009. Cambodia has paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of the payment plan, but has not submitted a request for the restoration of voting rights and therefore has no voting rights in 2013.

9. To date, 18 Member States¹, including two Member States that have not fulfilled the requirements of their respective payment plans and one Member State that has not submitted a request for the restoration of voting rights, have no voting rights in the Agency.

¹ Belize, Bolivia, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS
AS AT 13 SEPTEMBER 2013**

[in euros]

Member	Payment plan period	Total arrears	2013			Previous years outstanding towards payment plan	Received payments	Balance payable towards payment plan	Voting rights in 2013 if no payment is received
			Annual instalment	Assessed amount*	Total outstanding				
Afghanistan	2004-2013	21 444	10 283	11 161	21 444	-	21 444	YES	
Cambodia	2009-2018	107 964	18 779	8 406	27 185	-	27 185	NO	
Dominican Republic	2008-2017	1 281 846	81 000	114 650	195 650	736 204	-	NO	
Gabon	2009-2018	157 563	27 811	38 461	66 272	-	48 661	NO	
Georgia	2007-2016	197 588	63 706	17 248	80 954	-	80 954	YES	
Uzbekistan	2009-2018	181 641	36 087	28 420	64 507	-	64 507	YES	

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