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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 58th regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2014.
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 58th 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 9 February 2015, the Secretariat sent letters to Member States which had no voting rights in the Agency during 2015, 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 possibility to conclude a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, six Member States paid the minimum amount required for the restoration of their voting rights.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 9 July 2015 urging Member States to take action in order to regain their right to vote; subsequently one Member State paid the minimum amount and regained its voting rights.

5. A final reminder was sent by email on 18 August 2015 to those Member States without voting rights; subsequently four Member States paid the minimum amount required.
6. There are five Member States currently participating in ten-year payment plans with the Agency. The status of these payment plans can be found in the Annex to this document.
7. The voting rights of these five Member States were restored until the end of their respective payment plans, on the condition that they continued to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans. Georgia and Uzbekistan have paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their payment plans in 2015 and therefore have voting rights. Cambodia and Gabon have not met the requirements of their payment plans and are, therefore, automatically deprived of their right to vote in 2015. The 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. To date, 15 Member States<sup>1</sup>, including three Member States that have not fulfilled the requirements of their respective payment plans, have no voting rights in the Agency.

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<sup>1</sup>Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone and Togo.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS  
AS AT 11 SEPTEMBER 2015**

[in euros]

Member	Payment plan period	Total arrears	2015				Previous years outstanding towards payment plan	Balance payable towards payment plan <sup>2</sup>	Voting rights in 2015 if no payment is received
			Annual instalment	Assessed amount <sup>1</sup>	Received payments	Outstanding amount			
Cambodia	2009-2018	67 322	20 686	12 116	31 222	1 580	1 580	NO	
Dominican Republic	2008-2017	1 551 706	81 000	134 556	-	215 556	1 361 127	NO	
Gabon	2009-2018	226 012	27 811	61 928	-	89 739	141 758	NO	
Georgia	2007-2016	63 681	63 706	21 906	85 612	-	-	YES	
Uzbekistan	2009-2018	1 09 014	36 087	43 410	79 497	-	-	YES	

<sup>1</sup> 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 (WCF)).

<sup>2</sup> Includes unpaid instalments under the payment plan and unpaid amounts for WCF and Regular Budget assessment since the time of entry into payment plan agreement.