THE RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

Report by the Board of Governors

1. On 22 September 2000, by decision GC(44)/DEC/8 the General Conference requested the Board of Governors to review after November 2001 the criteria, guidelines and measures being applied in connection with requests for the restoration of voting rights and to report on its findings to the General Conference in 2002.

2. On 10 September 2002 the Board considered this matter under item 6(d) of its agenda\(^1\). The Chairman summed up the discussion as follows.

   “Some Members acknowledged the usefulness of the criteria and guidelines adopted in 1998 for consideration by the General Conference of requests for the restoration of voting rights by Member States in arrears. At the same time some Members noted that the payment plan scheme described in GOV/1998/54/Rev.2 had not been made use of to the extent hoped for and suggested that it be further examined. The Board accordingly requested Member States in arrears to take advantage of the payment plans to enable them to fulfil their obligations.

   May I take it that the Board takes note of all the actions described in document GOV/INF/2002/12 and Addendum 1 and forwards my concluding statement on this matter to the General Conference as constituting its report pursuant to General Conference decision GC(44)/DEC/8.

   It was so decided.”

\(^1\) GOV/2002/49