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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 46th and 47th regular sessions of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the period 1999-2003 and provided background information on decisions taken by the General Conference and Board of Governors in relation to this issue¹.
2. The purpose of this document is to provide Member States with updated information on actions take by the Secretariat to promote and facilitate payment of contributions since the 47th 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 19 March 2004, the Secretariat sent letters to 24 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2004 informing them of the minimum amount they would have to pay in order to regain their right to vote. The attention of those Member States was drawn to the relevant decisions of the General Conference and the Board, and the availability of a payment plan was pointed out. In

¹ See documents GOV/INF/2002/12-GC(46)/INF/6 including attachments and Add.1, as well as GC(47)/INF/11/Rev.1.

response to those letters, two Member States paid the minimum amount necessary in their cases and four Member States made partial payments.

4. One Member State – Afghanistan – concluded a ten-year payment plan agreement in 2004 and has paid the required instalment as well as the contribution due for the current year. Two Member States – Armenia and Kazakhstan – participating in payment plan agreements with the Agency have also paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of the plan in 2004. All three Member States have submitted requests for restoration of voting rights to be forwarded to the General Conference. In addition, one Member State – Iraq – has also submitted a request for restoration of voting rights to be forwarded to the General Conference.

5. Reminder letters were sent on 19 July 2004 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently one Member State paid the minimum amount and three Member States made partial payments.

6. A final reminder was sent by fax on 31 August 2004 to those Member States still faced with the loss of voting rights. To date, two Member States paid the amount required to regain their right to vote and one Member State made a partial payment.

7. The status of the three Member States currently participating in payment plans can be found in the annex to this document.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN A PAYMENT PLAN
AS AT 17 SEPTEMBER 2004**

[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
Kazakhstan	2001	619 731	286 658	61 410	348 068	348 068	-
Armenia	2003	176 782	18 831	4 471	23 302	23 302	-
Afghanistan	2004	123 833	11 967	2 212	14 179	14 179	-

* 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.