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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 48<sup>th</sup> regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2004.
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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 31 March 2005, the Secretariat sent letters to 27 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2005 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 response to those letters, one Member State paid the minimum amount necessary in its case.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 5 July 2005 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently two Member States paid the minimum amount and one Member State made a partial payment.

5. At present, three Member States – Afghanistan, Armenia and Kazakhstan – are participating in payment plan agreements with the Agency. Last year the General Conference decided to restore the right to vote to Afghanistan, Armenia and Kazakhstan until the end of their respective payment plans on the understanding that they continue to meet the requirements of those plans. Each Member has paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their respective payment plan in 2005.

6. In addition, one Member State – Iraq – has entered into a payment plan agreement with the Agency to pay its regular budget arrears. That payment plan will not come into effect until 2006 and in the interim it has submitted a request for the restoration of voting rights to be forwarded to the General Conference. The 48<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference acceded to a request permitting Iraq to vote because its failure to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article XIX.A of the Statute was owing to conditions beyond its control.

7. A final reminder was sent by fax on 5 September 2005 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.

8. 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 23 SEPTEMBER 2005**

[expressed in United States dollars]

Member	Beginning of plan	Duration	Arrears outstanding	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	5 years	275 857	275 857	60 908	336 765	336 765	-
Armenia	2003	10 years	154 460	18 831	4 701	23 532	23 532	-
Afghanistan	2004	10 years	111 531	11 967	4 828	16 795	16 795	-

\* 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.