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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 50<sup>th</sup> regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2006.
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 50<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 23 March 2007, the Secretariat sent letters to 28 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2007 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, two Member States paid the minimum amount necessary in their cases to restore their rights to vote and one Member State made a partial payment.

4. Reminder letters were sent on 10 July 2007 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently three Member States paid the minimum amount required.
5. At present, two Member States – Afghanistan and Armenia – are participating in payment plan agreements for a period of 10 years with the Agency. Each Member has paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans in 2007. Both Member States' voting rights in the Agency were restored in 2004 until the end of their respective payment plans on the understanding that they continued to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans (GC(48)/DEC/9).
6. In addition, two Member States – Georgia and the Republic of Moldova – have entered into payment plan agreements with the Agency for periods of 10 and 7 years respectively, which came into effect in 2007. These Member States have also paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans in 2007 and have submitted requests for the restoration of voting rights in the Agency, to be forwarded to the General Conference.
7. A final reminder was sent by facsimile on 30 August 2007 to those Member States without voting rights. To date, one Member State has made a partial payment toward the amount required to regain its right to vote.
8. The Dominican Republic and the Agency have agreed to a 10-year payment plan for that Member State's regular budget arrears. This payment plan will not come into effect until 2008 and in the interim the Government of the Dominican Republic has submitted a request for the restoration of voting rights to be forwarded to the General Conference.
9. The status of the four 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 14 SEPTEMBER 2007**

[expressed in euros]

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
Armenia	2003	10 years	82 587	15 248	4 061	19 309	19 309	-
Afghanistan	2004	10 years	72 645	9 853	3 990	13 843	13 843	-
Georgia	2007	10 years	670 103	63 706	5 985	69 691	69 691	-
Republic of Moldova	2007	7 years	315 275	43 605	1 991	45 596	45 596	-

\* 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.