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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 51st regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2007.
- 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 51st 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 15 March 2008, the Secretariat sent letters to 25 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2008, 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 of Governors, and the availability of a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, 5 Member States paid the minimum amount necessary in their cases to restore their rights to vote.
- 4. Reminder letters were sent on 4 July 2008 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently one Member State made a partial payment.

- 5. A final reminder was sent by facsimile on 4 September 2008 to those Member States without voting rights. To date, two Member States paid the minimum amount necessary in their cases to regain their rights to vote.
- 6. At present, four Member States Afghanistan, Armenia, Dominican Republic and Georgia are participating in payment plan agreements for a period of 10 years with the Agency and one Member State Republic of Moldova is participating in a seven year payment plan. These Member States' voting rights in the Agency were restored 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). To date, four Member States have paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirement of their respective payment plans in 2008 while one Member State under the payment plan has not yet made the required payments.
- 7. The status of the five Member States currently participating in payment plans can be found in the Annex to this document.

STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS AS AT 26 SEPTEMBER 2008

[expressed in euros]

Member	Beginnng of plan	Duration	Arrears outstanding	Annual instalment of arrears*	Current year assessment	Total due current year	Received towards payment plan	Balance payable towards this year's payment plan
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	2004	10 years	62 276	10 283	2 209	12 492	12 492	-
Armenia	2003	10 years	65 119	16 108	4 397	20 505	20 505	-
Dominican Republic	2008	10 years	920 123	81 000	53 145	134 145	-	134 145
Georgia	2007	10 years	606 340	63 706	6 539	70 245	70 245	-
Republic of Moldova	2007	7 years	271 555	43 605	2 199	45 804	45 804	-

^{*} 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.