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Report by the Director General

A. Background

1. At the 52nd regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2008.
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 52nd 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 20 March 2009, the Secretariat sent letters to 18 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2009, 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, two Member States paid the minimum amount necessary in their cases to restore their right to vote and one Member State made a partial payment.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 10 July 2009 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently one more Member State paid the minimum amount required.

5. A final reminder was sent by facsimile on 14 August 2009 to 17 Member States without voting rights and subsequently an additional Member State paid the minimum amount required.
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 requirement of their respective payment plans (GC(48)/DEC/9, GC(51)/DEC/8, GC(51)/DEC/9 and GC(51)/DEC/10). To date, Armenia has paid in full all instalments of its payment plan. Afghanistan, Georgia and Republic of Moldova have paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirement of their respective payment plans in 2009. Dominican Republic was automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2008 as the requirements of the payment plan were not met and currently has not yet made the required payments.
7. In addition, two Member States – Gabon and Uzbekistan – have entered into payment plan agreements with the Agency for a period of 10 years, which came into effect in 2009. Gabon has paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of the payment plan in 2009 while Uzbekistan has made a partial payment. Both Member States have not yet submitted requests for the restoration of voting rights which would need to be forwarded to the General Conference.
8. The status of the seven 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 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

[expressed in euros]

| Member | Beginning of plan | Duration | Arrears outstanding | Annual instalment of arrears* | Current year assessment | Total due current year | Received towards this year's payment plan | Balance payable towards this year's payment plan |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of | 2004 | 10 years | 51 993 | 10 283 | 2 263 | 12 546 | 12 546 | - |
| Armenia ** | 2003 | 10 years | 9 814 | 9 814 | 4 598 | 14 412 | 14 412 | - |
| Dominican Republic | 2008 | 10 years | 889 340 | 162 000 | 103 125 | 265 125 | 35 914 | 229 211 |
| Gabon | 2009 | 10 years | 265 298 | 27 811 | 18 760 | 46 571 | 46 571 | - |
| Georgia | 2007 | 10 years | 542 634 | 63 706 | 6 759 | 70 465 | 70 465 | - |
| Republic of Moldova | 2007 | 7 years | 222 957 | 43 605 | 2 307 | 45 912 | 45 912 | - |
| Uzbekistan | 2009 | 10 years | 369 482 | 36 087 | 18 277 | 54 364 | 54 351 | 13 |

* 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.

** Armenia has fulfilled the requirements of its payment plan by paying all its arrears in full.