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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 55th regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2011.
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 55th regular session of the General Conference and to provide a status report on Member States currently participating in a payment plan.

B. Actions Taken

3. On 17 February 2012, the Secretariat sent letters to Member States which had no voting rights in the Agency during 2012, informing them of the minimum amount they would have to pay in order to regain the right to vote. The attention of those Member States was drawn to the relevant article of the Statute of the Agency and the availability of a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, two Member States paid the minimum amount required for the restoration of their voting rights.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 12 July 2012 urging Member States to take action in order to regain their right to vote.

5. A final reminder was sent by facsimile on 22 August 2012 to those Member States without voting rights; subsequently three Member States paid the minimum amount required.
6. There are seven Member States which are currently participating in payment plans with the Agency. The status of these can be found in the Annex to this document.
7. Out of these seven Member States, five Member States — Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Georgia and Uzbekistan — are participating in payment plan agreements for a period of ten years with the Agency, and one Member State — Republic of Moldova — is participating in a seven year payment plan. The voting rights of these Member States 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 (see General Conference decisions GC(48)/DEC/9, GC(51)/DEC/8, GC(51)/DEC/9, GC(51)/DEC/10, GC(53)/DEC/8, and GC(54)/DEC/9). Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Uzbekistan have paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans in 2012 and therefore currently have voting rights. Gabon has not met the requirements of its payment plan and is therefore automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2012. Dominican Republic was automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2008 as the requirements of its payment plan were not met and it has not yet made the required payments. Dominican Republic and Gabon have not submitted requests for the restoration of their voting rights which would need to be forwarded to the General Conference.
8. Cambodia has entered into a payment plan agreement with the Agency for a period of ten years, which came into effect in 2009. Cambodia has not paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of the payment plan and has not submitted a request for the restoration of voting rights.
9. To date, 17 Member States¹, including three Member States who have not fulfilled the requirements of their respective payment plans, have no voting rights in the Agency.

¹ Belize, Bolivia, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Gabon, El Salvador, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Palau, Paraguay, Sierra Leone and Sudan.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS
AS AT 14 SEPTEMBER 2012**

[in euros]

Member	Payment plan period	Total arrears	2012			Previous years outstanding towards payment plan	Received payments	Balance payable towards payment plan	Voting rights in 2012 if no payment is received
			Annual instalment	Assessed amount*	Total outstanding				
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	2004-2013	31 512	10 283	10 900	21 183	-	-	YES	
Cambodia	2009-2018	168 454	20 686	8 176	28 862	8 174	37 037	NO	
Dominican Republic	2008-2017	1 171 584	81 000	114 055	195 055	461 950	657 005	NO	
Gabon	2009-2018	177 410	27 811	37 266	65 077	-	9 412	NO	
Georgia	2007-2016	261 294	63 706	16 721	80 427	-	-	YES	
Republic of Moldova	2007-2013	-	43 605	5 574	49 179	-	-	YES	
Uzbekistan	2009-2018	217 728	36 087	27 867	63 954	-	-	YES	

* In addition to the annual instalment agreed at the time of adoption of the payment plan, each Member must pay the current year's assessed amount (Regular Budget and any increase in the Working Capital Fund).