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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 59th regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2015.
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 59th 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 8 March 2016, the Secretariat sent letters to Member States which had no voting rights in the Agency during 2016, 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 possibility to conclude a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, three Member States paid the minimum amount required for the restoration of their voting rights.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 14 July 2016 urging Member States to take action in order to regain their right to vote; subsequently four Member States paid the minimum amount and regained their voting rights.

5. A final reminder was sent by email on 18 August 2016 to those Member States without voting rights; subsequently two Member States paid the minimum amount required.
6. There are five Member States that have entered into ten-year payment plans with the Agency. The status of these payment plans can be found in the Annex to this document.
7. The voting rights of these five Member States were restored until the end of their respective payment plans, on the condition that they continued to meet the requirements of their respective payment plans. Georgia has paid the last instalment of its payment plan, thereby completing its payment plan agreement, and therefore has voting rights. Uzbekistan has paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of its payment plan in 2016 and therefore has voting rights. Since 2010, Cambodia was in default of its payment plan and therefore lost its voting rights. Cambodia has now made all the necessary payments for 2016 in accordance with the payment plan. However, Cambodia has not formally requested the restoration of voting rights for the forthcoming regular session of the General Conference and therefore has no voting rights. The Dominican Republic was automatically deprived of its right to vote in 2008 and Gabon was deprived of its right to vote in 2013, as the requirements of their payment plan were not met and they have not yet made the required payments.
8. To date, 17 Member States<sup>1</sup>, including three Member States that have not fulfilled the requirements of their respective payment plans, have no voting rights in the Agency.

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<sup>1</sup>Benin, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Nepal, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Yemen.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS  
AS AT 23 SEPTEMBER 2016**

[in euros]

Member	Payment plan period	Total arrears	2016				Outstanding amount towards payment plan from previous years	Balance payable towards payment plan <sup>2</sup>	Voting rights in 2016 if no payment is received
			Annual instalment	Assessed amount <sup>1</sup>	Received payments	Outstanding amount			
Cambodia	2009-2018	41 373	20 686	12 440	33 126	-	-	-	NO
Dominican Republic	2008-2017	1 657 874	81 000	138 625	-	219 625	1 361 675	1 581 299	NO
Gabon	2009-2018	289 022	27 811	64 064	-	91 875	142 010	233 886	NO
Georgia	2007-2016	63 196	63 196	22 566	85 762	-	-	-	YES
Uzbekistan	2009-2018	72 521	36 087	45 134	81 221	-	-	-	YES

<sup>1</sup> In addition to the annual instalment agreed at the time of adoption of the payment plan, each Member State must pay the current year's assessed amount (Regular Budget and any increase in the Working Capital Fund (WCF)).

<sup>2</sup> Includes unpaid instalments under the payment plan and unpaid amounts for assessed Working Capital Fund (WCF) and Regular Budget assessment since the time of entry into payment plan agreement.