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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 60th regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2016.
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 60th 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 3 March 2017, the Secretariat sent letters to Member States which had no voting rights in the Agency during 2017, 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, eight Member States paid the minimum amount required for the restoration of their voting rights.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 7 July 2017 urging Member States to take action in order to regain their right to vote; subsequently no Member State paid the minimum amount required to regain its voting rights.

5. A final reminder was sent by email on 22 August 2017 to those Member States without voting rights; subsequently two Member States paid the minimum amount required by Article XIX.A of the Statute to regain their voting rights.

6. There are four 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 four 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. Uzbekistan has not paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of its payment plan for 2017; however, it has made the minimum payment required by Article XIX.A of the Statute and therefore has voting rights. Cambodia has not made the required payments for 2017 in accordance with its payment plan 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 neither of them fulfilled the requirements of their respective payment plans.

To date, 16 Member States¹, including three Member States that have not fulfilled the requirements of their respective payment plans, have no voting rights in the Agency.

¹Barbados, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Guyana, Liberia, Libya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Yemen.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN PAYMENT PLANS
AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER 2017**

[in euros]

Member	Payment plan period	Total arrears	2017				Outstanding amount towards payment plan from previous years	Balance payable towards payment plan ²	Voting rights in 2017 if no payment is received
			Annual instalment	Assessed amount ¹	Received payments	Outstanding amount			
Cambodia	2009-2018	56 139	20 686	12 652	-	33 338	33 338	NO	
Dominican Republic	2008-2017	1 835 747	78 171	144 896	-	223 067	1 804 339	NO	
Gabon	2009-2018	345 185	27 811	55 397	-	83 208	317 009	NO	
Uzbekistan	2009-2018	36 980	36 087	72 447	107 317	1 217	1 217	YES	

¹ 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)).

² 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.