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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 49th regular session of the General Conference, the Secretariat reported on actions taken on the restoration of voting rights for the year 2005.
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 49th 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 2006, the Secretariat sent letters to 24 Member States which had no right to vote in the Agency during 2006 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, and the availability of a payment plan was pointed out. In response to those letters, one Member State paid the minimum amount necessary in its case and one Member State made a partial payment.
4. Reminder letters were sent on 19 July 2006 urging Member States to take action in order to regain the right to vote, and subsequently one Member State made a partial payment.

5. At present, two Member States – Afghanistan and Armenia – are participating in payment plan agreements with the Agency. Each Member has paid the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of their respective payment plan in 2006.
6. In addition, two Member States – Georgia and the Republic of Moldova – have entered into payment plan agreements with the Agency to pay their regular budget arrears. These payment plans will not come into effect until 2007 and in the interim they have submitted requests for the restoration of voting rights to be forwarded to the General Conference.
7. A final reminder was sent by fax on 29 August 2006 to those Member States still faced with the loss of voting rights. To date, one Member State paid the amount required to regain its right to vote.
8. The status of the two Member States currently participating in payment plans can be found in the annex to this document.

**STATUS OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN A PAYMENT PLAN
AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER 2006**

[expressed in euros]

Member	Beginning of plan	Duration	Arrears outstanding	Annual installment of arrears *	Current year assessment	Total due current year	Received towards payment plan	Balance payable towards this year's payment plan
Armenia	2003	10 years	102 278	15 248	3 968	19 216	19 216	-
Afghanistan	2004	10 years	86 169	9 853	3 954	13 807	13 807	-

* 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.