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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT MAY 31, 2024

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1. The present document contains an update of the information contained in the “Status of the Payment of Contributions as at April 30, 2024” (document WO/PBC/37/10).

ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT MAY 31, 2024

Arrears in Annual Contributions

(Except for Arrears of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990)

2. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on May 31, 2024, under the unitary contribution system which has been applicable since January 1, 1994, and under the previously applicable contribution systems of the six Contribution-financed (CF) Unions (Paris, Berne, IPC, Nice, Locarno, Vienna) and of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (for States which are members of WIPO but not members of any of the Unions), with the exception of arrears in contributions of the LDCs concerning the years preceding 1990, placed in a special (frozen) account, which are not shown in this table but are shown in the table in paragraph 5 below.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Afghanistan		No arrears			
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra	Unitary	24		11,395	0.18
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	23+24		182,316	2.88
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain	Unitary	24		5,697	0.09
Bangladesh	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium	Unitary	24*		12,790	0.20
Belize		No arrears			
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	22+23+24		8,547	0.13
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04
Brazil		No arrears			
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276	59,271	0.94
Cabo Verde	Unitary	23*+24		2,984	0.05
Cambodia	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	66,731	1.05
Chad	Unitary	01*+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		33,377	0.53

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
		(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)		Total	
Chile	Unitary	24		11,395	0.18
China	Unitary	24		455,790	7.20
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		25,632	0.40
Congo	Unitary	20*+21+22+23+24		11,833	0.19
Cook Islands		No arrears			
Costa Rica	Unitary	24*		142	0.00
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	23*+24		10,727	0.17
Croatia		No arrears			
Cuba		No arrears			
Cyprus		No arrears			
Czech Republic		No arrears			
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159,959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90,326	296,280	4.68
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		18,512	0.29
Dominica	Unitary	20+21+22+23+24		14,245	0.22
Dominican Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	161,066		
	Paris	75*+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+90+91+92+93	875,660	1,036,726	16.37
Ecuador	Unitary	24		5,697	0.09
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		28,487	0.45
Eritrea	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Estonia		No arrears			
Eswatini	Unitary	24		5,698	0.09
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon	Unitary	21*+22+23+24		8,969	0.14
Gambia		No arrears			
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			
Greece	Unitary	24*		105,796	1.67
Grenada	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04
Guatemala	Unitary	24		5,697	0.09
Guinea	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7,460	66,731	1.05
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13,276		
	Berne	92+93	3,858	63,129	1.00
Guyana		No arrears			
Haiti		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	23+24		5,698	0.09
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland	Unitary	24		22,789	0.36
India		No arrears			
Indonesia	Unitary	24		45,579	0.72
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	22*+23+24		24,485	0.39
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy	Unitary	24*		683,685	10.80
Jamaica	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04
Japan		No arrears			
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya	Unitary	24		5,697	0.09
Kiribati	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Kuwait		No arrears			
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon	Unitary	21+22+23+24		22,788	0.36
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	17*+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		47,322	0.75
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania		No arrears			
Luxembourg		No arrears			
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi		No arrears			
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04
Mali	Unitary	23*+24		2,004	0.03
Malta	Unitary	24*		192	0.00
Marshall Islands	Unitary	23*+24		2,968	0.05
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	92+93	6,899		
	Berne	91*+92+93	4,589	57,483	0.91
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico	Unitary	24*		123,063	1.94
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	16*+ 17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		23,738	0.37
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar	Unitary	24		2,177	0.03
Namibia		No arrears			
Nauru	Unitary	24*		2,689	0.04
Nepal	Unitary	22+23+24		4,272	0.07
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	Paris	91*+92+93	6,945		
	Berne	91+92+93	5,665	58,605	0.93
Nigeria	Unitary	22*+23+24		25,770	0.41
Niue	Unitary	23+24		2,848	0.04
North Macedonia		No arrears			
Norway	Unitary	24*		7,332	0.12
Oman	Unitary	24		11,395	0.18
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	23*+24		5,960	0.09
Papua New Guinea	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04
Paraguay		No arrears			
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland		No arrears			
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar	Unitary	24		11,395	0.18
Republic of Korea	Unitary	24		29,418	0.46
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation	Unitary	23*+24		669,361	10.57
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		No arrears			
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia		No arrears			
Seychelles		No arrears			
Sierra Leone		No arrears			
Singapore		No arrears			
Slovakia		No arrears			
Slovenia		No arrears			
Solomon Islands	Unitary	22+23+24		4,272	0.07
Somalia	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24	45,995		
	WIPO	90+91+92+93	4,452	50,447	0.80
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain	Unitary	24		455,790	7.20
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname	Unitary	19+20+21+22+23+24		17,094	0.27
Sweden		No arrears			
Switzerland		No arrears			
Syrian Arab Republic		No arrears			
Tajikistan		No arrears			
Thailand		No arrears			
Timor-Leste	Unitary	22*+23+24		2,991	0.05
Togo		No arrears			
Tonga	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)	Amount of Arrears		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia		No arrears			
Türkiye		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Tuvalu	Unitary	22+23+24		4,272	0.07
Uganda	Unitary	24		1,424	0.02
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates	Unitary	23+24		22,790	0.36
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania		No arrears			
United States of America	Unitary	24		1,139,475	18.00
Uruguay	Unitary	24		5,697	0.09
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Vanuatu	Unitary	24		2,849	0.04
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24		126,700	2.00
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	14+15+16+17+ 18+19+20+21+22+23+24		15,664	0.25
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe		No arrears			
Grand Total				6,331,259	100.00

Total amount of arrears (except for arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account concerning the years preceding 1990)

Total amount of arrears				
Unitary Contributions				5,104,882
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO				1,226,377
Grand Total				6,331,259

Observations

3. The total amount of the overdue contributions on May 31, 2024, was 6.33 million Swiss francs, of which 5.1 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas almost 1.23 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the CF Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 6.33 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 35.94 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2024, this amount being almost 17.6 million Swiss francs.

4. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau (IB) between June 1 and July 10, 2024, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

Arrears in Annual Contributions of the LDCs Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990

5. It is recalled that, in accordance with the decision taken by the WIPO Conference and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions at their 1991 ordinary sessions, the amount of the arrears in contributions of any LDC relating to years preceding 1990 was placed in a special account, the amount of which was frozen as of December 31, 1989 (documents AB/XXII/20 and AB/XXII/22, paragraph 127). Such arrears in contributions, as at May 31, 2024, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the IB between June 1 and July 10, 2024, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears <i>(partial payment is indicated by an asterisk)</i>	Amount of Arrears (in Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Burkina Faso	Paris frozen	78*+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	206,923		
	Berne frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	131,084	338,007	8.93
Burundi	Paris frozen	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88 +89		214,738	5.67
Central African Republic	Paris frozen	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86 +87+88+89	273,509		
	Berne frozen	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	114,858	388,367	10.26
Chad	Paris frozen	71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	250,957		
	Berne frozen	72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	156,387	407,344	10.76
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris frozen	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	500,200		
	Berne frozen	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	301,015	801,215	21.16
Guinea	Paris frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148,779		
	Berne frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81,293	230,072	6.08
Guinea-Bissau	Paris frozen	89		23,213	0.61
Mali	Paris frozen	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377		
	Berne frozen	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	159,485	291,862	7.71
Mauritania	Paris frozen	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	219,120		
	Berne frozen	74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89	150,618	369,738	9.76
Niger	Paris frozen	81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	179,097		
	Berne frozen	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+ 88+89	109,915	289,012	7.63
Somalia	WIPO frozen	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55,250	1.46
Togo	Paris frozen	84+85+86+87+88+89	132,377		
	Berne frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	86,375	218,752	5.78
Uganda	Paris frozen	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89		140,372	3.71
	WIPO frozen	87*+88+89		19,142	0.51
Grand Total				3,787,084	100.00

Total amount of arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen) Account concerning the years preceding 1990

				Amount of Arrears (in Swiss Francs)
Paris frozen				2,421,662
Berne frozen				1,291,030
WIPO frozen				74,392
Grand Total				3,787,084

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds (WCF)

6. The following table shows the amounts due, on May 31, 2024, in the payments by States towards the WCF that have been constituted, namely, those of two CF Unions (Paris and Berne). Any payment that reaches the IB between June 1 and July 10, 2024, will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.

			Total
Burundi	Paris		3,408
Central African Republic	Paris		943
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	14,057	
	Bern	1,727	15,784
Guinea	Paris	7,508	
	Bern	2,915	10,423
Grand Total			30,558

Total amount due towards the WCF

Paris Union	25,916
Berne Union	4,642
Grand Total	30,558

Evolution of Arrears in Contributions and WCF Over the Last Ten Years

7. Since the introduction of the unitary contribution system in 1994 and the creation of new, more equitable contribution classes for the developing countries, the arrears in contributions and WCF have been reduced significantly. On December 31, 1993, the total arrears in contributions and WCF amounted to 15.12 million Swiss francs and the number of countries having to pay an annual contribution was 140. On December 31, 2023, the total arrears in contributions and WCF amounted to 7.94 million Swiss francs and the number of countries having to pay an annual contribution was 194.

8. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the "frozen" arrears of the LDCs) and WCF since 2014.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	"Frozen" arrears	WCF	Total
2014	1.39	1.82	4.30	0.04	7.55
2015	1.89	1.77	3.92	0.04	7.62
2016	2.24	1.69	3.85	0.04	7.82
2017	1.59	1.52	3.85	0.04	7.00
2018	2.13	1.50	3.85	0.04	7.52
2019	3.09	1.28	3.85	0.04	8.26
2020	2.28	1.27	3.84	0.04	7.43
2021	2.23	1.27	3.84	0.04	7.38
2022	2.81	1.24	3.79	0.03	7.87
2023	2.89	1.23	3.79	0.03	7.94

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