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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT MAY 31, 2023

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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, 2023” (document WO/PBC/36/7).

**Arrears in contributions as AT May 31, 2023**

**Arrears in Annual Contributions**

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

1. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on May 31, 2023, 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 that 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 the following table but are shown in the table in paragraph 5 below.











**Total Amount of Arrears (except for arrears of the LDCs placed in a Special (Frozen)**

**Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990)**



**Observations**

1. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on May 31, 2023, 5.64 million Swiss francs, of which 4.4 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas almost 1.24 million Swiss francs concern the pre‑1994 contributions in respect of the contribution‑financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 5.64 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 32 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2023, this amount being almost 17.6 million Swiss francs.
2. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau (IB) between June 1 and June 30, 2023 will be included in document A/64/INF/3 Add., and from July 1 to July 6, 2023 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**

1. 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, 2023, 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 June 30, 2023 will be included in document A/64/INF/3 Add., and from July 1 to July 6, 2023 will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.



**Total Amount of Arrears** **of the LDCs Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990**



**Amounts Due Towards the Working Capital Funds**

1. The following table shows the amounts due, on May 31, 2023, in the payments by States towards the working capital funds that have been constituted, namely, those of two CF Unions (Paris and Berne). Any payment that reaches the IB between June 1 and June 30, 2023, will be included in document A/64/INF/3 Add., and from July 1 to July 6, 2023 will be reported to the Assemblies when they examine the present document.



**Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds**



**Evolution of Arrears in Contributions and Working Capital Funds Over the Last Ten Years**

1. 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 working capital funds have been reduced significantly. On December 31, 1993, the total arrears in contributions and working capital funds amounted to 15.12 million Swiss francs and the number of countries having to pay an annual contribution was 140. On December 31, 2022, the total arrears in contributions and working capital funds amounted to almost 7.9 million Swiss francs and the number of countries having to pay an annual contribution was 194.
2. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2013.



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