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## Thirty-seventh Session

Rome, 25 June - 2 July 2011

### Report of the Second Meeting of the General Committee

#### Voting Rights

1. At its first meeting (Saturday, 25 June 2011), the General Committee noted that 13 Member Nations had not paid sufficient amounts of their assessed contributions to retain their vote in the Conference.
2. Four Member Nations (Antigua and Barbuda, Comoros, Palau and Turkmenistan) had not requested special consideration and have not registered at the Conference.
3. One Member Nation attending the Session (Tajikistan) has not requested restoration of voting rights nor advised that payment was in process. The Secretariat continues actively following-up with the delegation of this Member Nation to ensure it is aware of their contribution position and its consequences on its right to vote.
4. One Member Nation (Sierra Leone) advised the Organization that a payment has already been made and should reach the Organization shortly and provided evidence thereof. The Committee recommends that Sierra Leone's voting rights be restored.
5. Seven Member Nations have requested special consideration under Article III.4 of the Constitution and permission to vote:
  - Dominican Republic - letters dated 6, 15 and 21 June 2011 referring respectively to difficult macro-economic circumstances caused by the global financial crisis and partial payments of its debt (C 2011/GC/INF/1)
  - Somalia - letter dated 8 June 2011 citing constraints of a difficult economic situation (C 2011/GC/INF/2)
  - Peru - letter dated 20 May 2011 citing efforts made to clear debts for 2007 and 2008 (C 2011/GC/INF/4)
  - Sao Tome and Principe - letter dated 17 June 2011 referring to difficulties of various magnitudes
  - Guinea Bissau - letter dated 18 June 2011 citing political and economic instability and fragility of governance, inflationary pressure following the food crisis and price hikes and loss of tax and customs revenue (GC 2011/INF/7)

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- Liberia - letter received 21 June 2011 citing the extremely tight financial situation and debt burden (GC 2011/INF/9);
- Kyrgyz Republic- letter dated 22 June 2011 citing serious socio-economic constraints and internal political strife (GC 2011/INF/9)

6. One of the Member Nations currently with voting rights problems, Sao Tome and Principe, proposes to repay its arrears according to an instalment plan. The Committee therefore recommends that the Conference restore its voting rights.

7. After using these criteria for a case-by-case evaluation of the seven petitions, the General Committee recommends that voting rights should be restored to six Member Nations, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Kyrgyzstan, on the understanding that the proposed instalment plan for the latter country be tabled at a session of the Finance Committee. The Committee noted that the Member Nation which had not written a letter requesting special consideration (Tajikistan) had effectively lost its voting rights.

8. After having received additional information from representatives of the Dominican Republic and Peru, the Committee recommended the restoration of voting rights for the vote on Item 6, *Appointment of the Director-General* to both Dominican Republic and Peru on the understanding that a written communication would be submitted to the next meeting of the General Committee on 28 June.

Appendix A List of Member Nations with potential voting rights problems as of 25 June 2011

Appendix B Summary table of letters received from Member Nations requesting special consideration under Article III.4 of the Constitution.

## Appendix A

Member Nations with Potential Voting Rights Problems at 25 June 2011			
Member Nation	Amount in Arrears US\$	Amount in Arrears Euro	Minimum Payment required to Ensure Vote in US\$
Antigua and Barbuda	\$ 331.389,22	€ 29.223,78	\$ 348.782,93
Comoros	\$ 281.344,35	€ 12.826,65	\$ 287.917,28
Dominican Republic	\$ 104.813,64	€ 253.570,80	\$ 197.960,79
Guinea-Bissau	\$ 109.054,97	€ 12.826,65	\$ 115.627,90
Kyrgyzstan	\$ 870.801,26	€ 1.832,40	\$ 863.252,50
Liberia	\$ 265.787,25	€ 10.738,28	\$ 269.467,79
Palau	\$ 12.800,85	€ 12.826,65	\$ 19.373,78
Peru	\$ 339.543,24	€ 618.723,43	\$ 397.865,05
Sao Tome and Principe	\$ 230.444,97	€ 12.826,65	\$ 237.017,90
Sierra Leone	\$ 2.495,91	€ 12.826,65	\$ 9.068,84
Somalia	\$ 354.468,97	€ 12.826,65	\$ 361.041,90
Tajikistan	\$ 112.869,79	€ -	\$ 103.140,47
Turkmenistan	\$ 483.307,19	€ 62.991,80	\$ 506.117,66
	\$ 3.499.121,61	€ 1.054.040,39	\$ 3.716.634,79

## Appendix B

Summary Table of Letters from Member Nations with Potential Voting Rights Problems							
	Member Nation	Criteria of "Conditions beyond the control of a Member Nation"				Instalment Plan	No Formal Request Received
		Adverse Climatic Conditions	Natural Disasters	Wars, Conflicts or International Sanctions	Financial Crisis of Limited Foreign Exchange		
1	Antigua and Barbuda						X
2	Comoros						X
3	Dominican Republic				X		
4	Guinea-Bissau				X		
5	Kyrgyzstan				X	X	
6	Liberia				X		
7	Palau						X
8	Peru						
9	Sao Tome and Principe				X	X	
10	Sierra Leone						
11	Somalia				X		
12	Tajikistan						X
13	Turkmenistan						X