Proposed payment plan for Armenia

Note by the Director General

The present note draws to the attention of the Industrial Development Board a letter from Armenia proposing a payment plan for the settlement of its arrears.

I. Introduction

1. On 5 September 2016, the Director General received a letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to UNIDO, conveying the Government’s commitment regarding the settlement of its arrears through a payment plan over a period of 10 years. The full text of the communication is provided in annex I to the present document.

II. Draft payment plan

2. A draft agreement outlining the basic terms of a proposed payment plan of ten years’ duration is attached as annex II. The outstanding assessed contributions of Armenia amount to €922,604 from 1992 to 2016.
III. Action required of the Industrial Development Board

3. The Board may wish to consider adopting the following draft decision:

“The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Takes note of the information provided in document IDB.44/10;

(b) Welcomes the commitment of Armenia to settle its arrears and decides to approve the payment plan as reported in document IDB.44/10;

(c) Takes note of the terms of the payment plan and encourages Armenia to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions set therein.”
Annex I

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

Vienna, 05 September 2016

Dear Sir,

I hereby present my compliments to you and have the honour to inform you that the Government of Armenia wishes to settle its arrears to the Organization using a ten-year payment plan.

In that regard, I would kindly ask you to arrange, through your office, for the necessary administrative action to be taken in order for the plan to be signed by both parties. It is understood that the signed plan will only become valid once approved by the Industrial Development Board at its forty-fourth session.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]
Arman Kirakossian
Ambassador of Armenia in Austria
Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna

[Stamp of Permanent Mission]

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Draft agreement between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Government of Armenia Regarding settlement of outstanding assessed contributions under a payment plan

1. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter “UNIDO”) and the Government of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter “the Government”) have agreed to a payment plan which will enable the Government to settle its arrears of outstanding assessed contributions in accordance with decision IDB.19/Dec.5 of 19 May 1998 of the Industrial Development Board.

2. The total outstanding assessed contributions owed by the Government to UNIDO is €922,604 (arrears of 1992-2015 = €914,275, WCF contribution of €144 and 2016 contribution = €8,185). Details are shown in the attached Annex and made an integral part hereof.

3. The Government undertakes to pay the above amount (€922,604), future years’ assessed contributions (2016 onwards), as well as Working Capital Fund, as applicable, in instalments over a period of ten years from the date of this Agreement. Amounts are to be transferred to the following UNIDO bank accounts:

   (a) Euro: UNIDO EURO Account No.: 0029-05107/00
          IBAN No.: AT79 1100 0002 9051 0700, SWIFT BIC – BKAUATWW
          UniCredit Bank Austria AG, VIC Branch, 1400 Vienna, Austria

   or

   (b) US Dollar*: UNIDO/IDF Account No.: 949-2-416442
       JPMorgan Chase, International Agencies Banking, ABA No.: 021 000 021
       270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, USA

4. The Government undertakes to discharge its payment obligations in accordance with the following schedule of payments, and also undertakes to pay its future assessed contributions in full and on time in accordance with the UNIDO financial regulations:

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* Note: United States dollars will be converted to euros at the prevailing United Nations rate of exchange at the time payment is received.

** Contributions to be determined upon General Conference approval of the scale of assessments and the Programme and Budget.
5. A delay of more than three months by the Government in the payment of each individual instalment due shall be considered as non-compliance with this Agreement and shall be reported to the governing bodies.

6. All communications required under this Agreement shall be in writing and addressed as follows:

   **For the Government:**
   H.E. Mr. Arman Kirakossian  
   Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
   Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to UNIDO  
   Hadikgasse 28, 1140 Vienna

   **For UNIDO:**
   Director, Department of Finance, Policy and Programme Support,  
   P.O. Box 300, 1400 Vienna, Austria

7. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date that the Industrial Development Board approves it. Pending such approval, it shall be given provisional effect by the Parties.

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement in two copies in English.

For the Government of the Republic of Armenia:

   Name: H.E. Mr. Arman Kirakossian  
   Functional Title: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
   At: UNIDO, Vienna

   On this ....................day of ........................................2016.

For the United Nations Industrial Development Organization:

   Name: Mr. Li Yong  
   Functional Title: Director General  
   At: UNIDO, Vienna

   On this ....................day of ........................................2016.