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REVISED REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE
ON CONTRIBUTIONS TABLED BEFORE THE PRC
ON 14 JUNE 2009

FIRST SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS, ADDIS ABABA, 14 JUNE 2009: REVISED REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS

1. The report on the situation of contributions of Member States of the African Union was tabled before the PRC during its eighteenth ordinary session held on 14 June 2009 at the Headquarters of the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. The report was tabled by His Excellency James D. KALILANGWE, Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Contributions.

2. In view of the evolving situation with regard to the contributions of Member States, the PRC requested a complete update that would enable it to have a comprehensive overview of the situation on contributions.

3. It would be recalled that the situation on contributions of Member States to the 2009 ordinary budget of the African Union was presented to the PRC on 14 May 2009. An update was therefore necessary to give an accurate picture of the mid-term situation as at 23 June 2009.

4. Revised report on 2009 contributions of Member States

- i. As at 23 June 2009, the paid-in assessed contributions of Member States had improved significantly. 74% of the total assessed contributions was collected for the 2009 financial year, amounting in absolute terms to \$70,193,839.14. Of this, \$23,705,136.91 was paid as arrears on the previous financial year and \$1,183,305.81 as advances towards the 2010 budget.
- ii. The total contribution due for the current financial year is USD 45,494,520.43, representing 48% of assessed contributions for the 2009 fiscal year. In other words, Member States have contributed 52% of the 2009 ordinary budget, amounting to \$48,309,722.57 dollars in absolute terms since January 2009 to date.
- iii. With regard to the general financial situation of the Union, the Sub-Committee indicated its concerns regarding the difficulties faced in collecting contributions, be they current or arrears.
- iv. For the 2009 fiscal year, only 16 out of 53 countries have paid all their contributions for the 2009 ordinary budget of the African Union.

No.	Country	Amount
1.	Algeria	14,070,636.00
2.	Angola *** ¹	778,515.00
3.	Botswana	448,350.00
4.	Comoros	28,141.00
5.	Congo*** ²	290,793.15
6.	Gambia	37,522.00
7.	Lesotho	131,276.00
8.	Egypt	14,070,636.00
9.	Ethiopia	590,967.00
10.	Madagascar*** ³	450,260.37
11.	Mozambique	403,358.25
12.	Namibia	4559,641.00
13.	Rwanda	178,228.00
14.	Sahrawi Arab Dem. Republic	46,902.12
15.	Swaziland	196,989.00
16.	South Africa	14,070,636.52
Total		\$46,252,851.41

***¹ Angola has paid an advance of USD 376,342.78 towards the 2010 fiscal year contributions.

***² The Republic of Congo has also paid an advance of USD 148,549.09 towards the 2010 fiscal year contributions.

***³ Madagascar has paid an advance of USD256,241.97 towards the 2010 ordinary budget contributions.

- v. Six (6) countries have paid advances towards their 2009 fiscal year contributions. These countries are:

No	Country	Amount
1.	Benin	47,880.09
2.	Chad	118,515.42
3.	Senegal	240,746.54
4.	Sudan	1,642,197.00
5.	Tunis	1,437.11
6.	Somalia	6,095.00
TOTAL		2,056,871.16

5. **2009 contributions arrears**

The 2009 contribution arrears as of 23 June 2009 stand at USD75,015,903.25, with USD45,494,520.43 being due contributions for the current year and USD29,521,382.82 for previous years.

- i) The mid-term situation as of 23 June 2009 in the table below shows the Member States which have not paid their total contributions for the 2009 ordinary budget. They are:

NO	Country	Amount
1	Benin	271,054.58
2	Burkina Faso	384,597.40
3	Burundi	56,282.77
4	Cameroon	1,444,584.97
5	Cape Verde	150,086.37
6	Central African Republic	103,185.19
7	Chad	97,234.68
8	Democratic Republic of Congo	459,641.08
9	Cote D'Ivoire	1,510,248.69
10	Djibouti	75,043.68
11	Eritrea	75,043.68
12	Guinea	356,456.80
13	Equatorial Guinea	300,173.58
14	Gabon	581,586.57
15	Ghana	647,249.28
16	Guinea Bissau	18,760.92
17	Kenya	1,350,781.11
18	Liberia	37,521.85
19	Libya Arab Socialist Jamahiriya	14,070,636.24
20	Malawi	168,847.64
21	Mali	359,732.00
22	Mauritania	103,184.67
23	Mauritius	666,010.22
24	Niger	215,749.76
25	Nigeria	14,070,636.24
26	Sao Tome and Principe	9,379.96
27	Senegal	453,404.56
28	Seychelles	84,423.65
29	Sierra Leone	65,662.73
30	Somalia	115,850.52
31	Sudan	1,744,758.71
32	Tanzania	1,022,466.72
33	Togo	150,086.37
34	Tunisia	2,775,168.50
35	Uganda	722,292.98
36	Zambia	412,738.27
37	Zimbabwe	1,660,335.11
Total		45, 494,520.43

ii) The following countries are owing one or more years of arrears:

NO	Country	Amount	Seniority
1	Burundi	273,394.88	3 years
2	Cameroon	511,882.57	1 year
3	Cap Verde	1,187,487.00	5 year
4	Central African Republic	221,356.48	4 year
5	Democratic Republic of Congo	11,155,167.87	15 year
6	Cote d'Ivoire	1,326,497.89	1 year
7	Djibouti	85,244.00	1 year
8	Eritrea	980,365.00	5 years
9	Gabon	201,809.70	1 year
10	Guinea	404,908.00	1 year
11	Guinea Bissau	31,310.89	2 years
12	Morocco ^{***1}	6,289,496.51	5 years
13	Sao Tome & Principe	1,595,240.60	12 years
14	Seychelles	2,063,645.92	14 years
15	Sierra Leone	261,847.20	3 years
16	Sudan ^{***2}	2,896,895.65	1 year
17	Togo	85,124.74	1 year
Total		29,521,382.82	

**** Morocco stopped paying since 1986.

**** The African Union Commission was informed by the Brussels-based bank, ING, that it rejected the transfer made by Sudan because of the measures in force in the European Union relating to the warrant issued by International Criminal Tribunal against the President of the Sudan.

a) In summary, of the 53 Member States, **17** are owing one or more years of arrears; **20** are owing no arrears but have not paid their contributions for the current financial year, and 16 have paid all their dues for the 2009 financial year.

6. Partner contributions

During its ordinary session of 14 June 2009, the PRC requested an exhaustive inventory of partner contributions so that Member States could acquaint themselves with the real situation thereof and the programmes they finance as well as the amounts received from partners by the Commission.

The secretary to the Sub-Committee updated the data on partner contributions up to 23 June 2009, as shown in the table in annex A.

It would be recalled that the total partner contributions towards the 2009 budget of the African Union stands at USD65,964,659.14, of which USD17,450,829.50 is the amount brought forward from the 2008 budget for peace activities in Africa. In other words, the partial contributions as at 23 June 2009 amount to USD48,516,829.64.

7. SANCTIONS

- a) As of 23 June 2009, there were five (5) countries under sanction, given that there has been no improvement in the contribution situation of the countries concerned. Only the Comoros and Somalia have cleared their arrears and paid their statutory contributions for 2009. Sanctions against them have been lifted.

The five countries which remain under sanctions are as follows:

- i) Cape Verde
 - ii) Democratic Republic of Congo
 - iii) Eritrea
 - iv) Sao Tome and Principe
 - v) Seychelles
- b) The Government of Seychelles has requested the African Union Commission to send a team to Seychelles to discuss modalities for the payment of its debt to the African Union, and to reach an agreement that can lead to the removal of sanctions against Seychelles.

The PRC expressed its concern over the sending of such a team as well as the costs arising from this mission. It requested the Commission to initiate discussions with the Government of Seychelles during the present Summit in Sirte.

- c) The PRC also recommended that Member States of the Sub-Committees should show good example by paying their contributions on time.

8. SITUATION OF THE BIG CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES

There has been a significant improvement in the situation of the five big contributing countries. Algeria, Egypt and South Africa have paid up their contributions for the 2009 fiscal year. Libya and Nigeria have not yet paid their contributions for 2009.

9. REVIEW OF THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT

The scale of assessment of Member States should be reviewed every three years by the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee composed of 11 Member States in accordance with the Executive Council Decision Doc. EX.CL/192 (VII). The question was asked, among others, as to the deadline set for the Ad-Hoc Committee to convene to take a decision on the issue.

In view of the fact that the deadline has passed, there is need to fix a date for the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee to meet and take a decision, thanks to the help of its respective Member States. A letter to this effect was sent to the Embassies of Member States for information on the work done regarding the next review of the scale of assessment.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

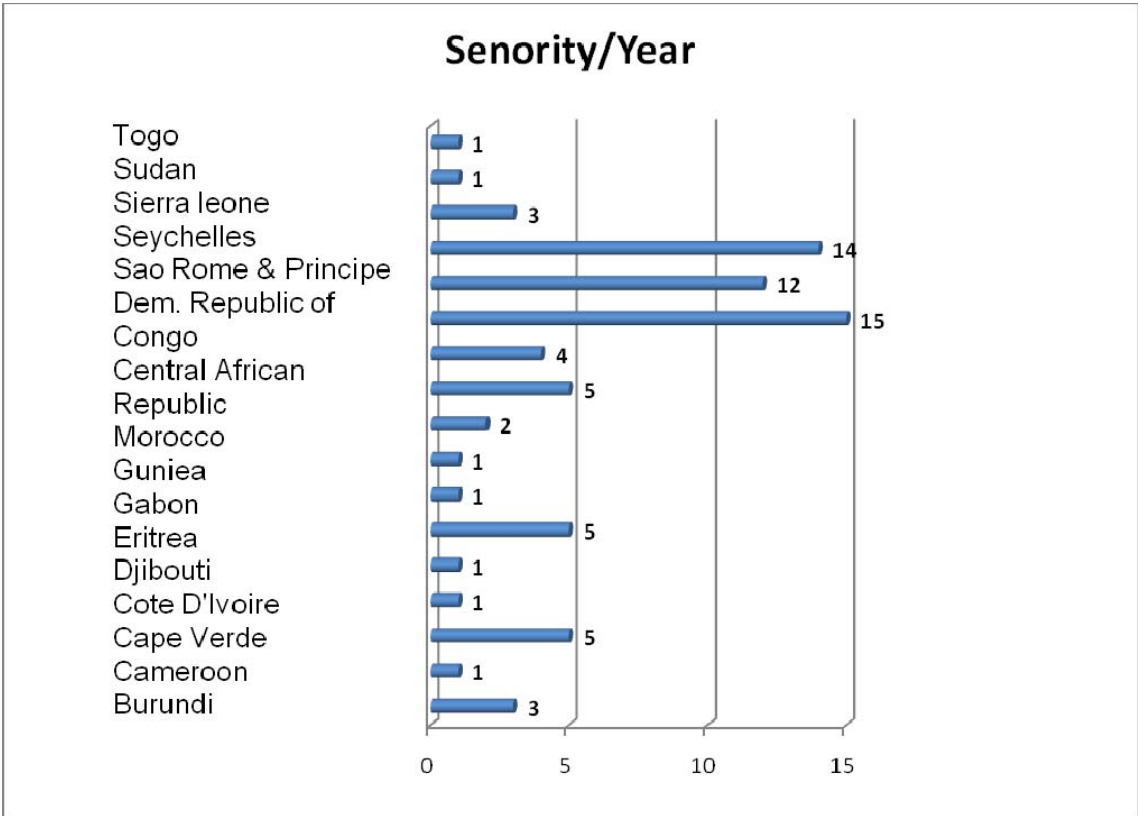
The PRC made the following recommendations:

- i) Request Member States to pay their contributions on time;
- ii) Invite the Commission to cut down on its missions given the overall situation of world the financial crisis;
- iii) Request the Commission to hold discussions with the Republic of Seychelles during the Sirte Summit in order to reach a direct and exceptional compromise;
- iv) Request the Commission to extend this type of discussion with all the Member States under sanctions with the same prerogatives;
- v) The temporary and exceptional exemption granted to Sierra Leone and Burundi should be maintained;
- vi) Commend all the Member States that are up to date in their contributions.

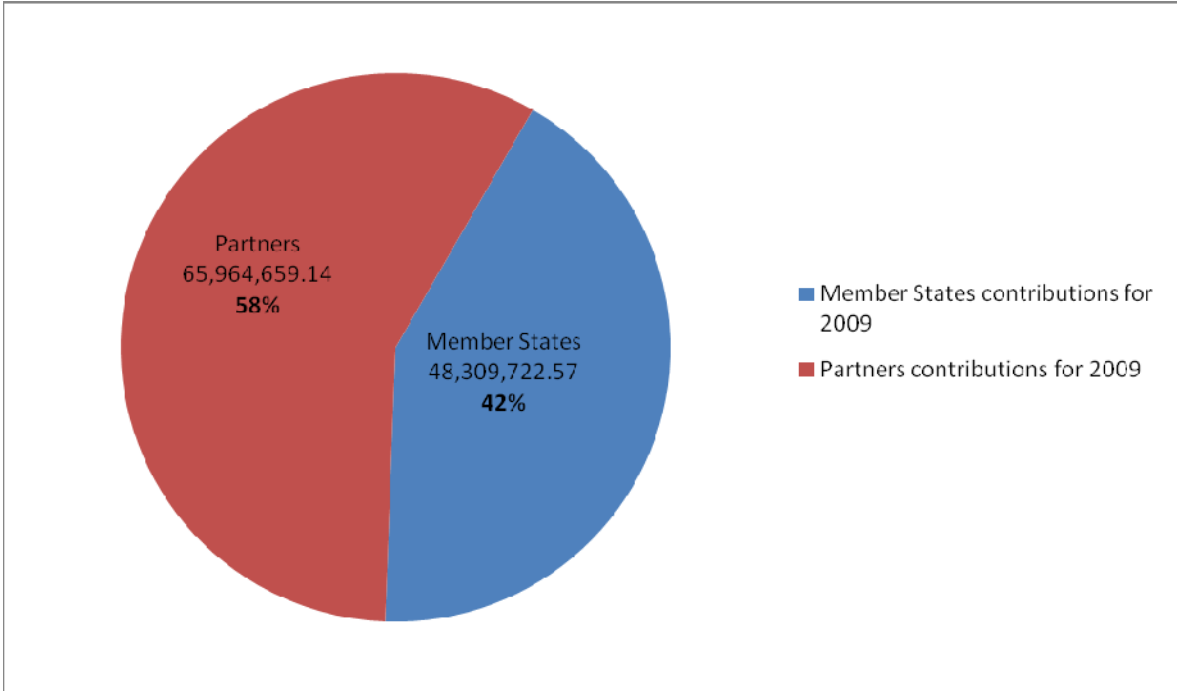
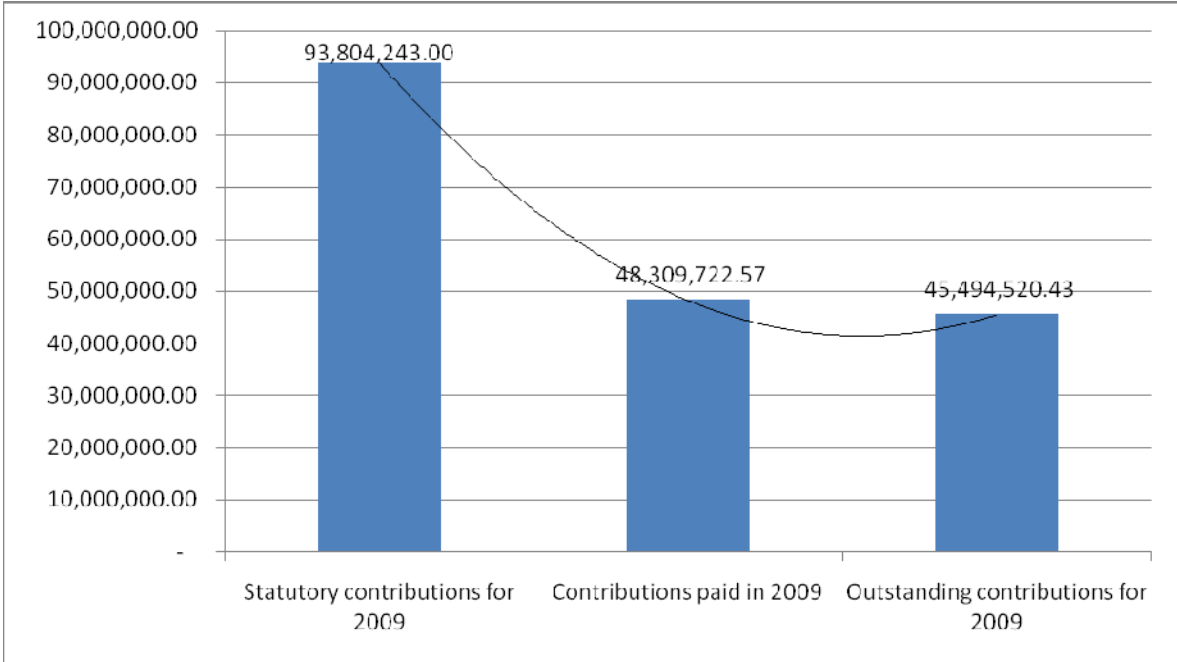
Receipts from Different Donors - Year 2009

S/No.	Date	Name	Description	RV No.	Amount		Remark
					USD	ETB	
1.	30/01/2009	Government of Netherlands			25,000.00		Chase General Fund
2.	5/1/2009	Danish Government	Danish Cont. to Peace Fund		1,486,988.85		Chase Peace Fund
3.	1/1/2009	GTZ	GTZ Fund to support PASU		149,925.00		CBE-Special Fund
4.	27/01/2009	EU/AMISOM/	EU Cont. to AMISOM		Euro 8,000,000.00		ING- Report
5.		Government of Algeria	Danish Cont. to Electoral Assistance Fund		500,000.00		Chase-AU Electoral fund
6.	17/10/2008	UNDP	For subscription publications	9733	2,000.00		CBE-Peace Fund
7.	17/10/2008	DFID	Activities for Gender Policy	9726	609,700.00		CBE-Special Fund
8.	28/01/2009	Government of Netherlands	Support the AU mission in Sudan (AMIS)		1,739,351.11		Chase Peace Fund
9.	24/03/2009	Gov't of TURKEY	Support for the AU, 2009 budget		500,000.00		CBE - General Fund
10.	27/03/2009	UK Gov't	UK Cont. to AMISOM		7,060,900.00		Chase -AU UK Cont.
11.	31/03/2009	Embassy Of Greece	Unknown fund		Euro 3,000,000.00		CBE-Helenic AU Trust Fund

S/No.	Date	Name	Description	RV No.	Amount		Remark
					USD	ETB	
12.	11/3/2009	UK Gov't			251,700.00		Chase -AU Electoral fund
13.	3/3/2009	Sudan Gov't	Support to Peace Fund	NO	590,000.00		Chase-Peace Fund
14.	25/03/2009	Japan Gov't	Cont. to Peace Fund	NO	161,255.00		Chase-Peace Fund
15.	3/4/2009	UK Gov't	UK Cont. to AMISOM	NO	1,173,594.66		Chase-AU UK Cont.
16.	7/4/2009	UK Gov't	UK Cont. to Peace Fund	NO	156,607.00		Chase-Peace Fund
17.	9/4/2009	UK Gov't	UK Cont. to AMIS	NO	1,350,000.00		Chase-Peace Fund
18.	22/04/2009	UK Gov't	UK Cont. to capacity building phase II	NO	1,031,360.00		Chase-Peace Fund
19.	28/04/2009		Final Payment (PCMT)		34,446.45		Chase-Peace Fund
20.	1/5/2009	Gov't of Netherland	Last installment	NO	694,875.28		Chase-Peace Fund
21.	6/5/2009	Danish Government	Danish Contribution		300,000.00		Chase-Special Fund
22.	2/6/2009	Gov't of Netherland	Final payment ADD 15067		399,970.00		Chase-Special Fund
23.	8/6/2009	Gov't of Sweden	1st Installment transformation process		250,371.77		Chase-Special Fund
24.	8/6/2009	Gov't of United Kingdom	Pyt to AU DFID		779,250.00		Chase-Peace Fund
25.	2/8/2009	Gov't of Spain	Spain contribution to AU Activates	NO	Euro 10,000,000.00		ING- Report
26.		League of Arab States	Cont. to Peace Fund	NO	17,450,829.50		Chase-Peace Fund



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