1. With reference to the situation of arrears shown in Table II of document EB 98/63/R.4, it should be noted that Brazil, Burundi, China, Gabon, Mauritania, Paraguay, Rwanda, Suriname, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen have now settled in full all outstanding payments due as of 31 December 1997; and Grenada and The Sudan have partially settled their arrears outstanding as of that date. Cameroon and Niger have reduced their debts by USD 575,000 and USD 107,000, respectively, as per their debt settlement agreements.

2. In view of the above, the arrears figure of USD 49.5 million reported in document EB 98/63/R.4 as of 31 December 1997 has been reduced by USD 6.5 million, for a revised total of USD 43 million.