

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Before the Committee today is a document that outlines the statement on the financial situation presented to the Committee on Monday, 14 May 2012.

I would like to express appreciation for the continued financial support of our Member States, despite the difficult and challenging global financial climate. Member States continue to respond positively towards strengthening the financial situation of the Organization. In particular, I would like to draw the Committee's attention to paragraph 30 of the report before you today, wherein it is noted that payments received since 14 May result in the addition of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the list of Member States that have paid in full all assessments currently due and payable. I would like to also inform the Committee that since preparation of the report, Costa Rica has also joined this list. This brings the number of Member States which paid all assessments currently due and payable to 38 Member States.

I thank you.