



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY MR. BROUZ RALPH
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THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 136: IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL
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THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY-
FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the African Group on agenda item 136 entitled improving the financial situation of the United Nations. At the outset, the African Group would like to express its appreciation to Ms Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management, for the presentation she made to this Committee on May 12, 2011.

2. The African Group fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the representative of Algeria on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and we have the following few remarks to make;

Mr. Chairman,

3. The Group notes that the financial situation of the Organization has slightly improved compared to previous reported period. We have also noted that the total outstanding of all contributions to the Organizations stand at USD 2.6 billion as of May 7 2012, including an amount of USD 1.4 billion for peacekeeping operations, USD 1.2 billion for regular budget, USD 84 million for Tribunals and USD 8 million for Capital Master Plan.

4. The Group is concerned that with six weeks before the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year of peacekeeping operations budget, a substantial amount of assessed contributions for peacekeeping operations remains outstanding. The fact that assessed contributions are not paid in time continues to expose missions to situations that could impact negatively on mandate implementation. We have also noted that in those cases where missions face liquidity problems, reimbursements to TCCs are delayed for long periods. The majority of TCCs are developing countries and it is therefore not acceptable that they are forced to bear a heavy financial burden for participating in UN peacekeeping.

5. The Group would like to commend all the Member States who have honored their financial obligation to the Organization and encourage all other Member States with outstanding contribution to pay their contributions in full, on time and without condition.

6. In conclusion Mr. Chairman, I want to assure you that the African Group supports all efforts to ensure that all mandates continue to be allocated adequate resource. The Group also supports all efforts to ensure that the resources approved by the General Assembly are availed to the Secretary-General so that he can proceed with the implementation of mandates expeditiously and effectively.

I Thank you Mr. Chairman.