

Talking Points for Mr. Takasu

Formal Meeting of the Fifth Committee on the
Financial Situation of the Organization, 24 May

- Thank you very much Mr. Chair.
- Distinguished delegates, fellow Secretariat colleagues:
- First let me apologize for arriving late to this important meeting on the financial situation of the Organization. I had planned to attend the meeting from the beginning, but was called away to attend a town hall meeting being held by the Secretary-General for New York staff, which has just concluded.
- I thought it important to attend as much of the meeting as possible because I am very keen to hear the views of Member States on this important topic. As I have said in other forums, the financing of the United Nations comes from the hard-earned dollars of taxpayers around the world. Member States entrust us with the stewardship of these funds, a responsibility I take very seriously.
- With that in mind, I listened very closely to the delegates' statements on the financial situation of the UN. I would like to pay tribute to those Member States that have paid in full all assessments for the Regular Budget, Peacekeeping Operations, the International Tribunals, and the Capital Master Plan that were due and payable. As always, the financial health of our Organization depends on Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and on time.

- **The Secretariat continues to place emphasis on improving Member States' access to information on the status of contributions. With the gains made in recent years, there has been a steady increase in the number of Member States meeting their financial obligations in full. This is an ongoing process and I commit to continue working to ensure that the Secretariat provides the most up-to-date and complete information to Member States.**
- **There are some updates to the financial situation which was presented to you on Monday 14, May 2012, and I believe it is important that I share these with you.**

- **Regular budget**

Payments received from Chile, Maldives, Mongolia and Costa Rica result in the addition of these four Member States to the list of those that have paid in full regular budget assessments that are due and payable. This brings the number of Member States which have paid in full all regular budget assessments to 96.

- **Peacekeeping**

Payments received from Cost Rica, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, and Slovakia result in the addition of these four Member States to the list of those that have paid in full all peacekeeping assessments that are due and payable. This brings the number of Member States which have paid in full all peacekeeping assessments to 41.

- **Tribunals**

Payments received from Andorra, Denmark, Lesotho, and Turkey result in the addition of these four Member States to the list of those that have paid in full all tribunals assessments that are due and payable. This brings the number of Member States which have paid in full all tribunals assessments to 68.

- **Capital Master Plan**

Payments received from Benin and Cameroon result in the addition of these two Member States to the list of those that have paid in full all capital master plan assessments. This brings the number of Member States which have paid in full all capital master plan assessments to 144.

- **All assessments due and payable**

At the time of the presentation to this Committee, it was already noted that both Denmark and Liechtenstein have joined the list of Member States which have paid in full all assessments currently due and payable. In addition, I note that the payments received since 14 May result in the addition of Lesotho and Costa Rica to this list. This brings the number of Member States which have paid all assessments currently due and payable to 38 Member States.