

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to thank Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary General for Management for his presentation last week on the financial situation of the United Nations and on the information regarding current payment status of member states' assessments. I also wish to thank the Office of Contributions for its constant informative service on member states' contributions.

Mr. Chairman,

We are glad to observe that overall financial situation of the Organisation is generally positive and indicates improvement with respect to previous year in almost each budget categories. It looks that financial situation of the UN remained solid even under the on-going adverse impact of recent global economic crises. In this respect, we also believe that the UN fulfils its task by being an effective and efficient Organisation on the disbursement of the resources it has been entrusted with.

Mr. Chairman,

We note that the payment received for regular budget assessment is slightly better than 2011. But it is apparent that cash position is getting tighter toward the end of the year due to projected disbursement for the rest of 2012. Therefore, full and timely payment of assessed contributions remains critical for efficient and effective functioning of UN. Meanwhile, we note with concern that overwhelming part of the outstanding payments continue to be obligations of a few member states. In this respect, we urge the member states who have not paid their regular budget contribution yet to meet their obligations.

Similarly, in the case of Peace keeping budget, main part of outstanding amount owed by a short list of member states including some permanent members of Security Council who have a special responsibilities in the maintenance of peace and security.

Regarding Capital Master Plan, we are glad to note that almost all assessment was paid by member states that lead to timely execution of the Project.

With respect to reimbursement for troop, police-units and contingency-owned equipment to peacekeeping operations, we are pleased to be informed on the progress achieved and look forward to further improvement in the reimbursement amount. But it is apparent that the only way for further improvement is that all member states honour their peacekeeping operations assessment in full and on time.

Mr. Chairman,

We altogether should try to avoid a situation of acceleration of arrears on the assessed contributions that negatively influence financial health of the Organisation on fully servicing its mandate. To this end, we commend all the member states that fulfil their contribution for each budget categories and call the rest of the member states to meet their Charter obligation with no condition.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.