

**Introductory statement by the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions on the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans (A/67/75)**

Mr. Chairman,

1. The report contained in document A/67/75 is the tenth annual report on the status of multi-year payment plans.
2. You will recall that the Committee on Contributions recommended that the Secretary-General be requested to submit an annual report to the Assembly, through the Committee, on the status of such plans as at 31 December of each year. This recommendation was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/4 B, and has also been reaffirmed in later resolutions.
3. In reporting last year to the Assembly at its 66<sup>th</sup> session, it had been recalled that five Member States had previously completed payments under the multi-year payment plan system since the adoption of the system in 2002. Accordingly, the latest report, which is now before the Committee, contains the status of implementation as at 31 December 2011 and provides detailed information only on the two remaining plans at that time - those submitted by Liberia and Sao Tome and Principe.
4. Subsequent to the preparation of the document, Liberia successfully implemented its payment plan during the first half of 2012. The updated status, to 29 June 2012, of the sole remaining payment plan is indicated in the report of the Committee on Contributions, document A/67/11.

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5. In summary, since the adoption of the multi-year payment plan system in 2002, a total of six Member States have successfully implemented plans under the system. No new payment plans or schedules for the elimination of arrears have been submitted in recent years; however, several Member States have indicated in the course of representations to the Committee on Contributions that the matter was under consideration.

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6. The Committee may wish to take note of the report of the Secretary-General.

Thank you.