

Regular budget

Let me turn first to the regular budget (see **Chart 2**). Assessments were issued at a level of approximately \$2.6 billion in both 2013 and 2014. However, payments received by 30 April are higher at \$1.68 billion in 2014, compared to the \$1.53 billion received by the same date in 2013. Unpaid assessed contributions at 30 April 2014 amounted to \$1.39 billion, which is \$13 million below the level unpaid at 30 April 2013.

I am pleased to announce that 146 Member States had paid their regular budget

end of 2013 consisted of around \$3.6 billion in the accounts of active missions, \$360 million in closed missions accounts, and the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund with \$128 million.

As regards outstanding payments to Member States (see **Chart 16**), we made efforts to accelerate payments and reduce the amount owed for troops, formed-police units and contingent-owned equipment. The amount was reduced from \$745 million on 30 April to \$513 million on 31 December 2013. The amount outstanding at the end of 2014 is expected to further decrease to \$500 million.

Chart 17 shows the breakdown of outstanding payments. At 30 April 2014, \$307 million was owed to Member States for troops and formed police units, \$411 million was owed for contingent-owned equipment claims for active missions, and \$86 million was owed for COE claims for closed missions. These components total to \$804 million at 30 April 2014, and as I mentioned earlier, by the end of this year it is projected that these will reduce to \$500 million.

Chart 18 shows the breakdown of \$804 million owed to troop, police and equipment contributing countries as at 30 April 2014.

For our part, Mr. Chairman, the Secretary-General is committed to meeting obligations to Member States providing troops and equipment as expeditiously as possible as cash situation permits. I would like to reassure you that we monitor peacekeeping cash flow situation constantly, and as a matter of priority we try to maximize the quarterly payments based on the available cash and data. To do so, we depend on Member States meeting their financial obligations to the UN in full and on time, and also on the expeditious finalization of MOUs 658(s)-1.7465(-)0.479431(-)0.479431(a)3.15789(0).

again towards the end of this year. In addition to