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Mr. Chairman, Thank you for this opportunity to update you on the current financial situation of the #nited States since my last briefing in October 2015. In addition to the presentation, there is also a handout (which has been made available * this can be picked up in the room.

Today, I shall focus on four main financial indicators:

a- Assessments issue!

re)ious year. The /e"retariat (ill "ontinue to make e)ery effort to e3 e!ite outstan!in. ayments to Member /ates in 2016.

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9et me turn first to the re.ular bu! .et ,see !-. :oth assessments issue!, an! ayments re"ei)e! by 10 A ril, (ere lo(er in 2016 than in 201'. #n ai! assesse! "ontributions amounte! to ;1.4 billion at 10 A ril 2016, (hi" h is ;161 million lo(er than one year a.o.

% am lease! that 142 Member /ates ha! ai! their re.ular bu! .et assessments in full by the en! of 201'. This is t(o lo(er than the number in 2014 ,see "-. &n behalf of the /e"retary7General, % (oul! like to thank these Member /ates, (hi" h are liste! in # an! ur.e all the remainin. Member /ates to ay their assesse! "ontributions in full as soon as ossible.

\$ sho(s the break!o(n of the amounts that (ere outstan!in. (hen % briefe! you in &"tober 201' an! the osition at 11 2e"ember 201'. As you "an see, there (as a si.nifi"ant re!u"tion !urin. the last 5uarter of 201'. More re"ently on 10 A ril 2016, a lar.e ortion of the un ai! assessments "ontinue! to be "on"entrate! amon. fe(Member /ates ,see %- . The final out"ome for 2016 (ill lar.ely !e en! on a"tions taken by these Member /ates. <ere (e a"knole! .e the !ifferen"es in finan"ial year of Member /ates, an! the timin. of the relate! national le.islati)e ro"esses, (hi" h may "ause timin. issues for rom t ayment by some Member /ates.

:y 10 A ril 2016, 7= Member /ates ha! ai! their assessments to the re.ular bu! .et in full ,see &-, fi)e lo(er than by 10 A ril 201'. A.ain, let me thank these 7= Member /ates for their rom t ayment in su ort for the (ork of the &r.ani0ation an! ur.e other Member /ates to follo(their e3am le.

Cash resour"es a)ailable for the re.ular bu! .et un!er the General Fun! in"lu!e the >orkin. Ca ital Fun! an! the / e"ial A""ount. ' sho(s the "ash resour"es a)ailable at year*en! an! at 10 A ril for 201' an! 2016. There (ere "ash shortfalls in the last months of 201', (hi" h (ere "o)ere! by the reser)es. The final osition at 11 2e"ember 201' refle"te! a ;217 million "ash shortfall un!er the re.ular bu! .et, (hi" h (as "o)ere! by the >orkin. Ca ital Fun! an! the / e"ial A""ount. The re.ular bu! .et "ash osition ha! im ro)e! by 10 A ril this year, thanks to "ontributions from Member /ates.

The month7by7month "ash osition in 201472016 is refle"te! in (. As you (ill re"all, in A ril 201' the General Assembly authori0e! the transfer of ;1'4.= million from the General Fun! to finan"e the final shortfall of the CM4. An initial transfer of ;71.1 million (as ma!e in mi!7201' from the re.ular bu! .et, an! ;16.6 million (as also transferre! from the / e"ial A""ount in a""or!an"e (ith the resolution. The remainin. ;4' million (as finan"e! in the "onte3t of the 2016 re.ular bu! .et assessment an! has been transferre! to CM4 earlier this year.

the General Assembly's decision to maintain separate accounts for each operation. The General Assembly has decided that no expenditure in missions should be financed by borrowing from other activities or missions. The use of the expenditure in the Reserve Fund is restricted only to operations and expenses of existing operations.

It should be noted that expenditure in 2015 consisted of approximately \$2.6 billion in the accounts of activities missions, \$217 million in losses missions accounts, and the expenditure in the Reserve Fund (with \$11 million).

As regards outstanding payments to Member States, see \$-, (see also the continuation of the amount of the for troops, former military units and continuation of the equipment. The total amount of the at the end of 2015 (as of 31 December) was \$24 million.

It should be noted that outstanding payments at 31 March 2016, (with \$261 million of the for troops and former military units, \$40 million for C&A claims for activities missions, and \$6 million for C&A claims for losses missions, total amount of \$273 million. It is expected to continue to keep reimbursement current and the total amount of the is expected to increase to \$310 million by the end of this year. It should be noted that the amount of the at 31 March 2016.

Mr. Chairman, the Secretary-General is committed to meeting obligations to Member States rapidly and equitably as far as possible as the cash situation permits. We would like to reassure you that we monitor the expenditure in cash flow continuously, and attach high priority to making the quarterly payments based on the available cash available. To do so, we have been on Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and on time, and also on the equitable finalization of M&S (with C&A contributors).

International Tribunals

The financial position for the tribunals at the end of 2015 reflected a higher level of unpaid assessments compared to the end of 2014. As shown in the table, the outstanding amount at the end of 2015 has increased to \$6 million from the \$40 million one year before.

(It should be noted that the outstanding tribunal amounts. At the end of the year, unpaid assessments have increased to \$6 million, from the \$6 million on 2 October 2015).

107 Member States have paid their assessed contributions for the international tribunals in full by the end of 2015. Let me express sincere thanks to those 107 Member States listed in the table and urge other Member States to follow their example.

Looking at the more recent picture, on 10 April 2016 outstanding assessments amount to \$1 million, see the table. By 10 April 2016, 12 Member States have paid their assessed contributions to both tribunals and the International Criminal Mechanism in full. As shown in the table, month by month position of cash balances for the tribunals (as of 31 December) in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Hence again, the final outcome of 2016

Members continue to honour their financial obligations to the tribunals.

Capital Master Plan

A total of \$1.07 billion (as assessed under the special amount for the Capital Master Plan). As of 10 April 2016, the bulk of the assessed contributions has been received, (with \$0.2 million still outstanding, see Table 1. & over the years, Member

The overall cash situation is currently positive for all categories at 10 April 2016. This is the result of the continued efforts by many Member States, to which we would like to express our sincere appreciation.

Moreover, the regular budget cash is expected to attain tightness towards the end of this year. The Secretary will continue to monitor the cash flow closely and to ensure tight financial management. The level of reserves, both working Capital Fund and Financial Account, is to cover only 6 weeks of regular budget operation. It will be prudent to reduce the adequacy of the level of reserves, in light of pattern of payment of member states and high level of commitment authority.

An increasing number of Member States are making timely contributions to the regular budget, and the Secretary is making every effort to expedite outstanding payments for troops and former police units, and C&A claims. The level of outstanding payments to Member States is expected to increase to \$1.1 billion at the end of 2016.

The overall number of Member States which have paid all assessments due and payable reflects an increase at 1 April. Member States comprise 22 Member States one year ago.

As always, Mr. Chairman, the financial health of our Organization depends on Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and on time. On behalf of the Secretary-General, let me urge all Member States to continue to endeavor to