

approximately \$3.4 billion, closed missions with \$291 million and the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund with \$82 million.

As regards to outstanding payments to Member States, this is an area which the Secretariat has placed great effort towards minimizing the level of outstanding payments. Outstanding payments at the end of 2012 amounted to \$525 million, and it is projected that this will reduce to \$423 million by the end of this year (see **Chart 13**).

Chart 14 shows the breakdown of outstanding payments. Currently, \$267 million is owed for troops and formed police units. For contingent-owned equipment claims, \$442 million is owed for active missions and \$86 million for closed missions. In addition, we owe \$66 million for letters of assist, and \$1 million for death and disability claims (in total, \$862 million). We expect reductions by year-end in the level outstanding to Member States for troops and formed police units, as well as for contingent-owned equipment claims. The actual level of payments, as always, will depend on Member States meeting their obligation.

In spite of notable increases in the number of Member States that have made full payment, a significant amount of assessments still remains unpaid. There are limited reserves available to the Organization. The financial health of our Organization continues to depend on Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and on time. On behalf of the Secretary-General, let me ur