

Financial situation of the United Nations

Statement

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Mr Chairman! "isting#ished delegates!

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\$ +ill first foc#s on the reg#lar b#dget! and then \$ +ill cover the financial sit#ation of %eacekee%ing o%erations and the international trib#nals (he c#t*off date for today/s %resentation is 00 A%ril! b#t \$ +ill #%%date yo# on develo%ments in recent days as +ell (he %resentation and my statement +ill be made available on the +ebsite of the Fifth Committee

1 eg#lar b#dget

As yo# can see from Chart 1! monthly reg#lar b#dget collections contin#e to fl#ct#ate significantly each year! making it diffic#lt to safely commit f#nds in time for im%lementing the b#dget efficiently or effectively (he large collections to+ards the last ,#arter necessitate caref#l li,#idity management to ens#re that o%erations are not disr#%ted d#ring the year A healthy cash balance at the start of the year is therefore very im%ortant for effective and efficient %rogramme delivery +itho#t li,#idity restrictions

than in 2020 – payments received by 00 April 2024 totaled 52.4 billion! including 5343 million for prior period arrears! resulting in an unpaid contribution of 51.7 billion! compared to 51.8 billion at the same time in 2020

As seen in Chart #142 Member States had paid their regular budget assessments in full by the end of 2020! fewer than at the end of 2022 and 11 fewer than at the end of 2021. By the end of April this year! 103 Member States had paid in full! eight more than the same time last year! a new high for this time of the year. The final number of Member States paying in full by the end of the year will also be higher than last year

I would like to thank the 142 Member States listed in Chart 142 who paid in full their contributions for 2020

Chart 142 lists the 31 Member States on the 2024; only 10 that paid their regular budget assessments in full within the 90-day period specified in Financial Regulation 103. My special thanks to these 31 Member States for paying their assessments in full and on time (the number on the chart was 30 in 2020)

Moving on to Chart 143 by 00 April 2024! 103 Member States had paid their assessments to the regular budget in full. I would note that since the cutoff date! 40 states! Cambodia and 14 have paid their regular budget assessment in full. I would like to thank all 108 Member States

Next! Chart 144 provides an overview of the unpaid regular budget assessments as of 00 April 2024! indicating the largest contributions outstanding. Please note that the bank that receives our assessed contributions has confirmed the transfer of the Russian Federation's full amount on 3 April for payment to the United Nations! but those funds have not yet been credited by the bank to the United Nations account. In fact! we have not been informed that the funds have been returned by the bank to the Russian Federation

Accounting Operations

As you know! Accounting has a different financial period from the regular budget! running from 1 July to 31 June rather than the calendar year

As seen in Chart 145, assessments of almost 57.0 billion have been issued and 53.7 billion had been received by the end of April 2024! resulting in an overall outstanding to Accounting Operations of 52.7 billion which also includes arrears. The actions taken by Member States in the next few months will determine the final situation of the current fiscal year

Chart 146 provides an overview of unpaid assessments by Accounting Operations. As seen in the chart! the 52.7 billion outstanding at 00 April comprises 52.1 billion owed for active missions and 5463 million for closed missions. For active missions! out of 52.1 billion! 51.8 billion relates to the current fiscal year while 5037 million relates to assessments in prior fiscal periods

Chart 1 presents the status of assessed contributions for active operating operations for each of the last ten financial periods and the

Chart 1 provides the breakdown of unpaid tribunal assessments as of 00 April 2024

Chart 2 shows the monthly position of the overall cash balances for the tribunals over the last three years. The cash position is currently positive; however, the final outcome of 2024 will depend on Member States continuing to honour their financial obligations to the tribunals. In resolution 77/272, the General Assembly also decided that surplus cash in closed tribunals can be used for regular budget liquidity, if needed, from January 2020. They were helpful in reducing the liquidity constraints during 2020 and are likely to be instrumental in reducing the impact on regular budget operations during 2024 also.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Chart 1 gives you an overview of the financial situation for all three categories of operations, as well as the evolution of the outstanding payments to troop-contributing countries for active peacekeeping operations.

Chart 2 gives you the latest information on payments of assessments. As of today, 10 May 2024, 47 Member States have paid all assessments due and payable in full on behalf of the Secretary-General. I would like to express my deep appreciation to these Member States.

As always, Mr. Chairman, the financial health of the Organization depends on Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and on time. The Secretariat continues to be fully committed to working with Member States towards achieving this objective. The Organization can only solve the liquidity crisis with the support of Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and in a predictable and timely manner. The Secretary-General has urged you repeatedly to revisit his past proposals and review the liquidity challenges holistically. A number of previous decisions have increased the liquidity