

Introductory statement by the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions on the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans (A/66/69)

Mr. Chairman,

1. The report contained in document A/66/69 is the ninth 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. The latest report, which is now before the Committee, contains the status of payment plans as at 31 December 2010.

4. As recalled in the report, five Member States have completed payments under the system since the adoption of the multi-year payment plan system in 2002. Accordingly, the report provides detailed information only on the two remaining plans - those submitted by Liberia and Sao Tome and Principe, and on the status of implementation as at the end of 2010. The updated status, to 24 June 2011, of these payment plans is indicated in the report of the Committee on Contributions, A/66/11.

5. No other Member State has so far submitted payment plans or schedules for the elimination of arrears, although several Member States have indicated in the course of representations to the Committee on Contributions that consideration was being given to submission of a plan.

Mr. Chairman,

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

Thank you.