

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

22 May 2009

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Before the Committee today is a document that outlines the statement on the financial situation presented to the Committee on Friday, 15 May 2009.

In order to update the information presented last week, I would like to inform the Committee on various payments which were received subsequent to the cut-off date of 7 May 2009. These include regular budget payments of \$12 million from Brazil and \$136 million from the United States, and peacekeeping payments of \$192 million from Japan. In addition, payments have been initiated by Sweden for the capital master plan and South Africa for peacekeeping operations. These payments adjust the situation as detailed in the respective charts as of 7 May 2009.

Taking into account these payments as well as other payments received after the cut-off date, the updated lists of Member States fully paid would include

- Guatemala, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nigeria, and Thailand for the **regular budget**;
- Australia and South Africa for **peacekeeping operations**;
- Indonesia, Norway, and Sweden for the **capital master plan**; and
- Belarus, Guatemala, Montenegro, Portugal, Nigeria, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the **international tribunals**.

I would like to draw the Committee's attention to paragraph 29 of the document in which it is noted that Australia has fully paid its due and payable assessments since the cut-off date of 7 May 2009, joining the 16 other Member States in that position. In addition, the mentioned payments from South Africa and Sweden result in the addition of these two Member States to the list of Member States paying in full all their assessed contributions that are currently due and payable.