

Financial situation of the United Nations  
Statement  
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I am pleased to present to you the current financial situation of the United Nations. Since I briefed you last October, the Secretary-General has briefed the General Assembly on 1 March 2019 and issued a report 'A(73/09)' on 24 March 2019 on improving the financial situation of the United Nations. As you know in that report, he detailed a set of measures to address the liquidity problems, as well as broader structural issues that constrain budget management. This report has been considered by the ACA23 and is scheduled to be considered by the Fifth Committee on 20 May 2019. Accordingly, I will not address that report at this time.

Today I will focus first on the regular budget and then I will cover the financial situation of peacekeeping operations and the international tribunals. The cutoff date for this presentation is 30 April, but I will update you on developments in recent days as well. The fourth point and my statement will be made available on the website of the Fifth Committee.

Regular budget

As you see from Chart 1, the regular budget has been facing severe liquidity issues in recent years, with cash deficits occurring earlier in the year, becoming larger and lingering for longer periods.

At the end of October 2019, the regular budget cash deficit reached its highest at 670 million, following shortfalls starting as early as the end of May. In October, the reserves of 6383 million—that is 6180 million from the regular Capital Fund and 6203 million from the Special Account—had been completely exhausted. The deficit after

take into account these reserves of 6138 million. This is covered by borrowing from the accounts of closed peacekeeping operations"

Chart 1 shows the cash resources available as at 31 December 2017 and 2018 and as at 30 April 2019 and 2018. At the end of 2018 the regular budget cash shortfall of 6323 million. The cash position had improved to 677 million by 30 April 2019 as a result of the contributions from Member States in the first quarter of the year"

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