Financial situation of the United Nations

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

As regards to <u>outstanding payments to Member States</u>, 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 obligations to the United Nations. Chart 15 shows the breakdown of the \$862 million owed to troop, police and equipment contributing countries as at 1 October 2013.

For our part, Mr. Chairman, the Secretary-General is committed to meeting obligations to Member States providing troops and equipment as expeditiously as possible. I would like to reassure you that we monitor peacekeeping cash flow situation constantly, and try to maximize the quarterly payments based on the available cash as priority.

To do so, however, we depend on Member States meeting their financial obligations to the United Nations in full and on time, and also on the expeditious finalization of MOUs with troop contributors for provision of equipment.

International tribunals

The financial position for the two international tribunals and the International Residual Mechanism reflected some improvement at 1 October 2013, compared to 5 October 2012. As shown in **Chart 16**, unpaid assessments for tribunals amounted to \$60 million on 1 October 2013, \$3 million less that the level on 5 October 2012.

A total of 96 Member States paid their assessed contributions in full for both international tribunals and the International Residual Mechanism by 1 October 2013, one more than at 5 October 2012. Let me express our sincere appreciation again to those 96 Member States that have met their obligations in full (see **Chart 17**) and urge other Member States to pay their contributions to the international tribunals in full and on time.

The final financial position of the tribunals will depend on Member States continuing to honour their financial obligations over the remaining months of 2013 (see

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 urge all Member States to continue to endeavour to do so.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.



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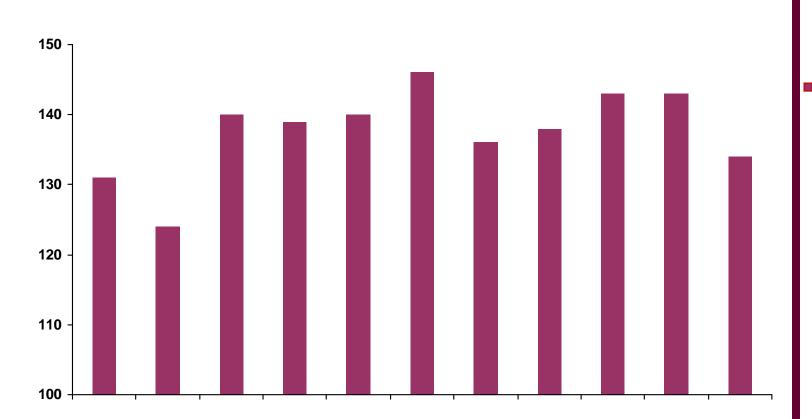
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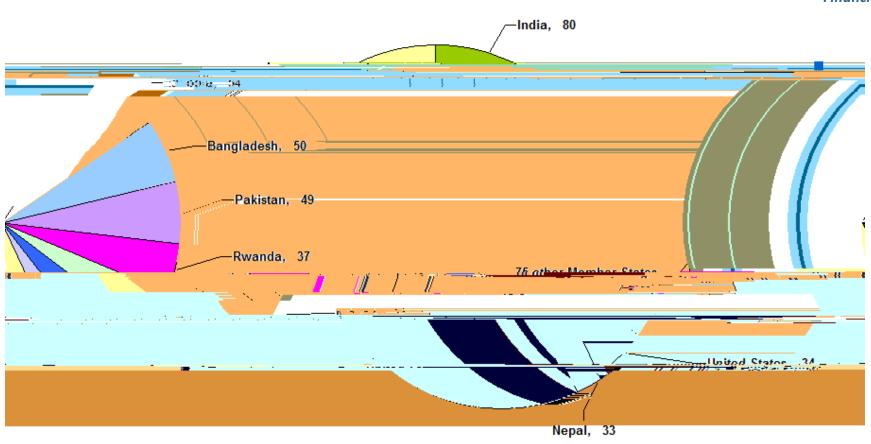
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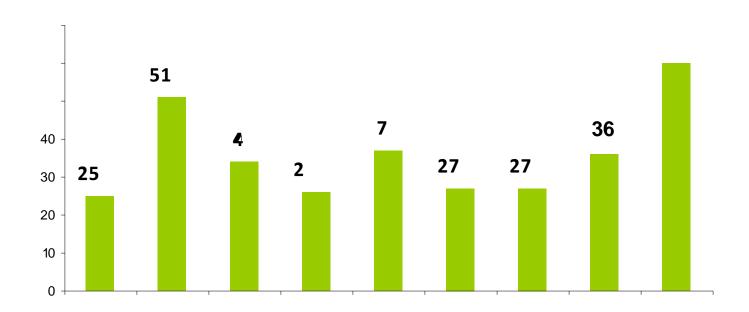


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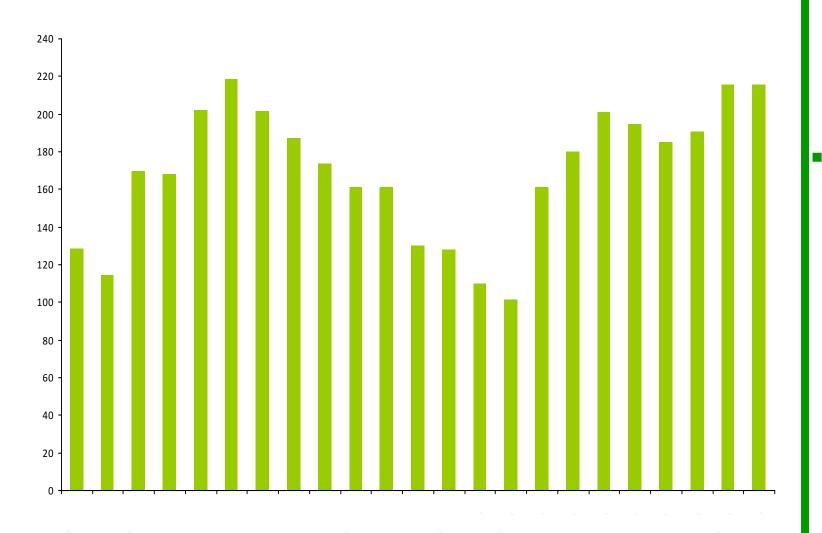




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