

5. The Group also notes that, unpaid assessment for peacekeeping operations and tribunals remains higher in magnitude but lower in percentage of assessment compared with the same reporting period.

6. The Group of 77 and China is pleased to note that, contributions for the Capital Master Plan budget is almost complete and that, as of beginning of this month, a total of US\$ 1.6 million remain outstanding out of US\$ 1.9 billion already assessed.

7. While the group is encouraged that cash position is projected to be positive at the end of the year for peacekeeping, tribunals and Capital Master Plan, we are concerned that the situation for the regular budget is difficult with projected expenditures exceeding the level of current reserves.

Mr. Chairman,

8. With regard to the outstanding payments to Member States that provide uniformed personnel and equipments to peacekeeping operations in the field, the Group notes that, a total of US\$ 423million is projected at the end of the year. While we appreciate the efforts done in this area, we remain concerned on the negative effects attached to delay in reimbursement to troops and police contributing countries. We are equally concerned on the negative effects this delay brings on the maintenance of equipments in the field.

9. The Group of 77 and China would like to, once again, stress on the need for more dedicated efforts in reimbursement to ensure that Member States, in particular those from developing countries who pay, in multiple ways, ultimate sacrifice in the field, are reimbursed in full, on time and as a matter of priority; and

this, taking into account challenges they face in sustaining peacekeeping commitments.

Mr. Chairman,

10. The Group has consistently stated that the full, timely and non-conditional