



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA REGARDING THE

positive that this situation will improve as it is recognised that not all Member States have national financial cycles aligned with that of the United Nations.

7. The Group is perturbed that the level of outstanding payments to Member States, as it ~~relates to troop costs and contingent-owned equipment, is higher. However, it appreciates the~~

efforts made by the Secretariat to reduce these amounts at the end of the first quarter of 2015. Since many troop contributing countries are also developing countries, they are not in a ~~position to sustain their troop commitments and maintain their equipment on their own for~~