



Status of contributions as at 31 December 1998

1. The present document is published in accordance with a decision taken by the General Assembly at its 2444th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1975, that the Secretary-General should provide Member States, on a biannual basis, with information, for each Member State, on the amounts assessed, paid and owed to the regular budget and on continuing operations for which there is a special assessment. This decision was taken, *inter alia*, in response to the Secretary-General's appeal to Member States to help to ease the cash-flow position of the United Nations by forwarding their contributions more promptly.

2. The status of contributions is issued at this time in view of the continuing financial difficulties of the United Nations and the desire of Member States to be kept informed of the financial situation. The following annexes are attached:

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3. The payments shown in the annexes have been recorded in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and the Financial Regulations of the United Nations. Assessed contributions to the respective funds that were received and duly recorded as at 31 December 1998 have been respectively reported. Those assessed contributions received and recorded after 31 December 1998 will be reported in the next statement on the status of contributions.

4. As at 31 December 1998, contributions of \$1,143.0 million had been received for the regular budget. Of that amount, \$733.7 million constitute payments against the current year's assessment, representing 67.5 per cent of that assessment. At the same time last year, 66.3 per cent of the current year's assessment had been received.

5. The contributions shown as outstanding in annexes II to XXVIII may include those amounts which, by specific resolutions of the General Assembly, are not to be taken into consideration in the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations. Such amounts nevertheless remain payable by the Member State concerned.

6. Collections shown in annexes II to XXVIII include actual payments by Member States and may include applications of credits transferred from other accounts in accordance with instructions received from Member States and/or amounts held in suspense accounts in favour of Member States. They may also include offsets from troop-cost reimbursements applied upon instructions from Member States.

7. Credits shown in annexes include amounts from unencumbered balances applied in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions as specified in the respective annexes. They do not, however, include overpayments held to the credit of Member States.

8. Credits utilized shown in annexes are amounts applied in accordance with instructions received from Member States.

