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Introduction

- 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. That 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.
- 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 2002 have been respectively reported. Those assessed contributions received and recorded after 31 December 2002 will be reported in the next statement on the status of contributions.
- 4. As at 31 December 2002, payments and credits totalling \$1,084.1 million had been received for the regular budget. Of that amount, \$897.5 million constitutes payments/credits against the current year's assessment, representing 78.1 per cent of that assessment. At the same time last year, 80.5 per cent of the current year's assessment had been received.
- 5. The contributions shown as outstanding in annexes II to XXXVI may include those amounts that, 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 XXXVI 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 the 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 are amounts applied in accordance with instructions received from Member States.
- 9. Annex XXXVI relates to the financing of strategic deployment stocks at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002. This provided for financing by transfer of Member States' shares of surplus cash balances under two other accounts (UNPROFOR/UNCRO/UNPREDEP/UNPF and UNMIH) and assessments for those

requesting it or those that had no share in the cash balances of the other two accounts. The balance of the requirement was provided by a transfer from the interest income in the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund.

10. Following the admission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/12 of 1 November 2000, the former Yugoslavia ceased to be a Member State on 1 November 2000. Unpaid assessments for the former Yugoslavia for the accounts listed in the present document at that time amounted to \$11,235,656 for the regular budget, \$4,465,141 for peacekeeping operations and \$184,949 for the International Tribunals for prior and current periods. Subsequently applied net credits of \$49,985 reduced the amount outstanding for peacekeeping to \$4,415,156. Those outstanding contributions are not included in the annexes that follow.