



is making every effort to process payments for TCC and COE expeditiously, and as a result







Mr. Chairman, before concluding, I would like to recall the resolution 68/306, which was adopted last month on Enhancement of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations. In that resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to review and report to the General Assembly any impediments or obstacles with respect to the accounts opened by the Permanent Missions of Member and Observer States or their staff in the City of New York and its impact on the adequate functioning of their offices. Also it requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the financial relations of the Secretariat with the banking institutions in the City of New York, and also to provide Member and Observer States with information on alternative options regarding banking services in the City of New York so as to enable them and their Permanent Missions to adequately manage and maintain their accounts, assessed budgetary contributions, voluntary contributions, transfers and other financial responsibilities directly related to their membership in the United Nations.

I fully understand that this issue has serious financial and operational implications for those affected. I also recognize the critical importance of supporting Permanent Missions and their staff. As an immediate solution, the Secretariat has facilitated the opening of bank accounts for Permanent Missions with the United Nations Federal Credit Union. More than 30 Permanent Missions now have UNFCU accounts. Also I would like to mention that the Secretariat is in the process of conclu

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