



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 January 2006

Excellency,

Please find attached the Secretary General's Note on the Top Ten Financial Contributors of Assessed and Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Budgets, Funds, Programmes and Agencies for the purpose of selecting members to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission.

I will revert to you shortly on further arrangements on the selections and elections of members of the Organizational Committee with the aim of having the Peacebuilding Commission operational as soon as possible.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Eliasson', written in a cursive style.

Jan Eliasson

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Secretary-General's Note

Top Ten Financial Contributors of assessed and voluntary contributions to the United Nations Budget, Funds, Programmes and Agencies in US\$

		3 year total	average	2004	2003	2002
1	US	9,841,907,815	3,280,635,938	3,651,651,192	3,388,343,592	2,801,913,031
2	Japan	4,616,229,347	1,538,743,116	1,590,689,772	1,549,959,127	1,475,580,447
3	UK	2,623,745,847	874,581,949	1,163,909,017	815,019,264	644,817,565
4	Germany	1,951,596,431	650,532,144	755,747,312	599,175,218	596,673,901
5	Netherlands	1,630,008,770	543,336,257	664,202,767	481,642,610	484,163,393
6	France	1,400,287,236	466,762,412	512,278,635	387,768,095	500,240,506
7	Norway	1,327,845,957	442,615,319	516,033,611	440,020,139	371,792,206
8	Canada	1,239,878,417	413,292,806	518,109,562	430,370,319	291,398,536
9	Italy	1,238,088,242	412,696,081	453,862,349	424,812,142	359,413,751
10	Sweden	1,201,152,260	400,384,087	505,846,107	390,263,560	305,042,593

Explanatory Notes:

1. Resolution A/60/L.40 requests the Secretary General to provide a list of the top ten providers of assessed and voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations, based on the average annual contributions in the previous three calendar years. A central data collection mechanism will need to be created to systematically account for all financial contributions towards the UN system. For the purposes of this initial list, financial data from the following budgets has been obtained: UN assessed contributions (including Regular Budget, Peacekeeping operations, International Tribunals and Working Capital Fund), UN General Trust Funds, voluntary contributions to UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and UNFPA, as well as assessed contributions to ILO, WHO and FAO.

2. The selection of funds, agencies and programmes has been made on the basis of (1) the size of the respective budgetary allocations; (2) the fact that their mandates broadly relate to peacebuilding activities. Although a number of smaller funds and programmes are not included in this computation, their inclusion would not alter the determination of the top ten contributors since there is a significant gap of more than US\$ 400 million between the 10th and 11th position.

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