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Excellency,

I am writing to you to inform about the current status of the unpaid receivables due under the disarmament conventions hosted by UNOG and to notify you of a possible solution to settle small outstanding receivables by cash payments at the UBS branch in the Palais des Nations.

The disarmament conventions have suffered from late or underpayments. As of 31 July 2019, the total amount of the outstanding receivables reached \$878,368.59. At the end of July 2019 collection rate for the Biological Weapons Convention, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Convention on Cluster Munitions and Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention APLC is only 89.1 percent.

While some concrete measures to solve the chronic underpayments and liquidity issues have been agreed or are being discussed, none have so far addressed how to manage the large number of small outstanding receivables. We realize that some States might have very small outstanding receivables and it might be more practical to settle these amounts by cash payment.

We would therefore like to bring to your attention a few practical options to settle outstanding receivables by cash payment:

- Cash payments can be deposited at the UBS Branch situated at Palais des Nations, door 6 (open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm)
- The payment needs to include the following information for it to be registered as a deposit to the receivable in the reference field:
 - o the name of the country,
 - o the relevant convention, and
 - o the invoice number
- Similar to the wire transfer, the bank may charge a transaction fee which should be added to the amount deposited. Please inquire the exact amount of the fee at the UBS branch.

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• The cash can be deposited to the following bank account:

Currency	Account Name	IBAN
USD	United Nations (CHUB4)	CH65 0024 0240 C059 0160 1

States can check the current amount of the outstanding receivables for previous years and download 2019 invoices for the conventions at the disarmament website/financial matters-restricted area:

 $\underline{https://unog.ch/80256EE600585943/(httpPages)/9F6C8EE5A1D381AEC125822D0043DA97?Open}\\ \underline{Document}$

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

Sincerely yours,

Sophie Veaudour Chief

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