

Information on the current United Nations cash crisis

The United Nations is facing a severe shortage of cash, and unless more Governments pay their annual dues, “our work and our reforms are at risk”, the UN chief António Guterres has warned Member States.

In a [statement issued by his Spokesperson](#), on 8 October, the Secretary-General said he had written to Member States, “about the worst cash crisis facing the United Nations in nearly a decade. The Organization runs the risk of depleting its liquidity reserves by the end of the month and defaulting on payments to staff and vendors.”

UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric told correspondents that all nations needed to pay their dues “urgently and in full”, adding that “this is the only way to avoid a default that could risk disrupting operations globally.”

The full story from our UN News website, including the UN chief’s statement to the Fifth Committee, [can be found here](#), and you can also check for updates on the cashflow crisis on the [website](#) of the Office of the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General.

More information/links

❖ [Honour Roll](#) - Contributions received for 2019 for the United Nations Regular Budget.



❖ [Press briefing](#) by Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and Chandramouli Ramanathan, Controller, Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Finance and Budget in the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance.



❖ [The Fifth Committee Briefing](#) by Ms. Pollard on the Organization’s financial situation.

❖ [Financial situation of the United Nations](#): Statement by Ms. Pollard, Under-Secretary-General Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance.

Useful Links:

- ❖ [Committee on Contributions](#)
- ❖ [Administrative and Budgetary Committee \(Fifth Committee\)](#)
- ❖ [Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions \(ACABQ\)](#)