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Included with this report are a Provisional October 31, 2013 Balance Sheet and a Provisional Income Statement for the ten months then ended. The schedules are provisional due to lack of information from the FAI Secretariat. At the Plenary Meeting, you will be provided with schedules updated to December 31, 2013 and an updated 2014 and proposed 2015 Budget.

As normal, any spending or budget requests for 2014 must be submitted in writing in accordance with the Internal Regulations.

As reported to you at the Plenary meeting last year, I was unable to complete the 2012 Financial Statements by reason of lack of information from the FAI Secretariat. For a number of reasons, I was not provided with any account information until June and it took well over two months until all issues (the main one being the allocation of more than 2000 Euros of bank charges, without any discussion or notification) were satisfactorily resolved, such that I was finally able to send out the 2012 Financial Statements in September. I should issue a caution that, although I believe these to be correct, I have yet to receive a confirmation of the "Euro cash balance" held by FAI (in spite of several polite requests)

At the time of writing I have received no information whatsoever (in spite of several polite requests) in respect of 2013 transactions. My only way of knowing if payments have been made is not receiving enquiries or complaints.

I did however receive a number of enquiries as to why it took over 5 weeks to process payments after authorization had been given on September 18 and 20, for all but a few claims that needed clarification. The reason for this, as I was finally advised, was the time taken to set up a new payment system with Western Union and the fact that the Secretariat was busy with General Conference preparations.

Based on all the claim forms processed, I have prepared "Provisional" 2013 Statements. These are Provisional, as I have had to use estimated exchange rates for non-Euro amounts.

I will give you a full explanation when we meet in Vienna.

I wish to thank my colleagues on the Finance Working Group, Doris Merz and Johann Gritsch, for their assistance during the year.

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