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COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Under its terms of reference, one of the functions of the Committee on Contributions is to "advise the Assembly in regard to the application of Article 19 of the Charter", which provides as follows:

"A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. At the present time ten Members, namely Bolivia, Burundi, Dahomey, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Senegal, Uganda and Yemen, are in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the United Nations regular budget within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

3. The amounts by which the arrears of contributions to the United Nations regular budget of the ten Members exceed the amount of their contributions to that account for the preceding two full years (1967 and 1968) will be seen from the following table:

United Nations Regular Budget			
	<u>Amount of arrears</u>	<u>Contributions for 1967 and 1968</u>	<u>Excess amount</u>
Bolivia	129 016.00	99 253.00	29 763.00
Burundi	123 907.00	99 253.00	24 654.00
Dahomey	134 326.30	99 253.00	35 073.30
Dominican Republic	139 327.00	99 253.00	40 074.00
Ecuador	140 902.67	111 017.00	29 885.67
Haiti	139 276.00	99 253.00	40 023.00
Nicaragua	107 458.25	99 253.00	8 205.00
Senegal	139 287.00	99 253.00	40 034.00
Uganda	122 738.00	99 253.00	23 485.00
Yemen	139 307.00	99 253.00	40 054.00

4. The text of the letter addressed on 14 March 1969 to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the ten Member States listed above is annexed to the present report. In reply, the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua in a letter dated 17 March 1969 informed the Secretary-General that the budget of Nicaragua includes the amount destined to cover the contribution to the United Nations. No other replies have been received.

5. In its report to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (A/7210, para. 53), the Committee on Contributions stated on the subject of Collection of Contributions as follows:

"The Committee took note of reports by the Secretary-General, which showed that, at the time of the conclusion of its meetings, two Member States, namely the Dominican Republic and Haiti, were in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the United Nations regular budget within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter. The Committee decided to authorize the Chairman to issue at a later date, if necessary, an addendum to the present report on this question."

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TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OF: BOLIVIA, BURUNDI, DAHOMEY,
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, HAITI, NICARAGUA, SENEGAL,
UGANDA AND YEMEN

14 March 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for your information a statement showing your Government's arrears of assessed contributions to United Nations accounts.

In view of the provisions of the relevant Financial Regulations of the United Nations and of Article 19 of the Charter, you may wish to bring to your Government's attention the importance of arranging, at its earliest convenience, for the settlement of its contributions arrears. In this connexion, a minimum payment of \$_____ would be required to reduce your Government's arrears to the United Nations regular budget below the contributions due from it to that account for the preceding two full years (1967 and 1968).

I may add that the Committee on Contributions, which is scheduled to open its next session on 31 March 1969, may deem it incumbent, in compliance with its statutory functions, to make appropriate reference in its report to the General Assembly concerning the application of Article 19 of the Charter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

William McCaw
Acting Controller
