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LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1967 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the present time five Member States, namely, Bolivia, Congo (Brazzaville), the Dominican Republic, Haiti 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, 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."

The amount by which the arrear contributions due from each of the Governments concerned exceed the amount of the contribution due from it for the preceding two full years is recorded below, and a payment exceeding that amount would be necessary in order to reduce the arrears below the limit specified in Article 19:

	<u>US dollars</u>
Bolivia	11,324.00
Congo (Brazzaville)	23,386.00
Dominican Republic	30,430.00
Haiti	29,166.00
Yemen	34,149.50

In this connexion I have received the following cable, dated 19 April 1967, from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti:

"On the occasion of the opening of the fifth special session of the United Nations General Assembly, I request Your Excellency, in view of the implications for the whole economy of the Republic of Haiti of the

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havoc caused by hurrican Inez, to put forward in your general report to the Assembly the Haitian Government's request for a moratorium on the payment of \$29,160. I hope that the Haitian request under Article 19 of the Charter will safeguard the voting rights of Haiti, which reaffirms its promise to pay the appropriate amount and its traditional loyalty to United Nations obligations. Highest consideration."

(Signed) U THANT
Secretary-General
