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Letter dated 18 September 1973 from the Secretary-General to the
President of the General Assembly

At the present time four Member States, namely Bolivia, the Central African Republic, Guinea and Paraguay 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 minimum payment required from each of the four Members concerned in order to reduce its arrears to the United Nations regular budget below the gross contributions due from it to that account for the preceding two full years (1971-1972) is indicated below:

(United States dollars)

Bolivia	53,405
Central African Republic . .	29,635
Guinea	53,405
Paraguay	52,025

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In this connexion, attention is drawn to the attached communications from Bolivia (annex I), the Central African Republic (annex II), Guinea (annex III) and Paraguay (annex IV).

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
Secretary-General

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 17 September 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, owing to unforeseeable difficulties and the recent Cabinet crisis which has occurred in my country in the past few days, the draft sent by the Government of Bolivia in payment of contributions due to the regular budget of the United Nations has not yet been received.

I therefore wish to inform you that I am certain that within the next few days the funds in question will be deposited in the appropriate United Nations account.

I should be grateful if you would take this note into consideration for the purposes of the application of Article 19 of the Charter.

(Signed) Julio De ZAVALA URRIOLAGOITIA
Permanent Representative of
Bolivia to the United Nations

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ANNEX II

Letter dated 18 September 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
the Central African Republic to the United Nations addressed to the
Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs

Subsequent to our recent telephone conversations, I have the honour to inform you that yesterday evening I cabled my Government concerning the payment of our contributions to the United Nations regular budget for 1972 and 1973.

I am confident that we shall receive a satisfactory reply without delay and that our contributions will be paid as soon as possible.

I should accordingly be grateful if you would be so kind as to postpone any decision which would penalize the Government of the Central African Republic for non-payment of its contributions.

(Signed) Michel ADAMA-TAMBOUX
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX III

Note verbale dated 10 September 1973 from the Permanent
Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has the honour to inform him that the Banque Guinéenne du Commerce Extérieur has already effected the transfer of our contribution to the United Nations regular budget.

The great delay in the receipt of this payment is occasioned by the fact that many banking transactions are involved, and these are sometimes slow. The Permanent Representative deeply regrets this delay, which is due to circumstances beyond his control, and wishes to assure the Secretary-General that the Government of Guinea has made arrangements to meet all arrears in the payment of its contributions to the United Nations regular budget.

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ANNEX IV

Letter dated 17 September 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, owing to special difficulties of communication, the funds remitted by the Government of my country in payment of the contribution due from the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations regular budget have not yet been received.

I therefore wish to inform you that we are sure that in the course of the next two days these funds will be received and will be deposited in the appropriate United Nations account.

I should be grateful if you would take this communication into consideration for the purposes of the application of the second part of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

(Signed) Francisco BARREIRO
Permanent Representative
