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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 seven Members, namely Bolivia, Dahomey, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Paraguay 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 seven Members exceed the amount of their contributions to that account for the preceding two full years (1968 and 1969) are shown in the following table:

	<u>United Nations regular budget</u>		
	<u>Contributions</u>		
	<u>Gross contributions</u>	<u>Amount of</u>	<u>Excess</u>
	<u>for 1968-1969</u>	<u>arrears</u>	<u>amount</u>
Bolivia	109,495.00	149,003.00	39,508.00
Dahomey	109,495.00	124,058.24	14,563.24
Dominican Republic	109,495.00	149,239.00	39,744.00
Ecuador	109,495.00	142,877.44	33,382.44
Haiti	109,495.00	149,213.00	39,718.00
Paraguay	109,495.00	124,541.50	15,046.50
Yemen	109,495.00	146,294.00	36,799.00

4. The text of the letter addressed by the Secretary-General on 29 January 1970 to the Permanent Representatives of the United Nations of the seven Member States listed above is annexed to the present report (annex I).

5. In its report to the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly (A/7611, paragraph 51), the Committee on Contributions stated on the subject of collection of contributions as follows:

"The Committee took note of a report of the Secretary-General which showed that, at the time of the conclusion of its meeting, nine Member States, namely, Bolivia, Burundi, Dahomey, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Senegal, Uganda and Yemen 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."

The Committee may wish to follow the same procedure in its report to the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Collection of contributions in currencies
other than US dollars

6. The General Assembly at its twenty-second session (resolution 2291 (XXII)) of 8 December 1967 authorized the Secretary-General to accept a portion of the contributions of Member States for the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 in currencies other than US dollars. In line with the usual procedure, in a communication of

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9 January 1970, the text of which is annexed (annex II), the Secretary-General informed Member States of the currencies in which payment of contributions could be accepted for 1970 and set out the conditions for payment in such currencies. The amounts allocated for payment in non-US currencies for 1970, in response to the requests received from Member States, are listed in annex III.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 29 JANUARY 1970 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BOLIVIA, DAHOMEY, DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, HAITI, PARAGUAY, YEMEN

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

In view of the provisions of the relevant Financial Regulations of the United Nations and of Article 19 of the Charter, I would ask you to bring to the attention of your Government the importance of arranging for the settlement of its arrears. In this connexion, I wish to inform you that a minimum payment of \$ would be required to reduce your Government's arrears to the United Nations regular budget below the gross contribution due from it to that account for the preceding two full years (1968 and 1969).

I may add that the Committee on Contributions, which is scheduled to open its next session on 20 April 1970, may deem it incumbent, in compliance with its statutory function, to make 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.

Annex II

COMMUNICATION DATED 9 JANUARY 1970 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES

The Secretary-General ... has the honour to refer to financial regulation 5.3, under which he is required, after the General Assembly has adopted the Budget and determined the amount of the Working Capital Fund, to transmit the relevant documents to Member States and inform them of their commitments.

In compliance with this regulation, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the documents listed in the annex to this letter and to state that the contribution of His Excellency's Government to the United Nations regular budget for the financial year 1970 amounts to \$.

Under financial regulation 5.4, contributions shall be considered due and payable within thirty days of the receipt of the Secretary-General's communication informing Member States of their commitments. The Secretary-General trusts that Member States will make every effort to arrange for payment at the earliest possible date in 1970 of the contributions due for the current year as well as any outstanding for prior years.

Under subparagraph (c) of General Assembly resolution 2291 (XXII), the Secretary-General was authorized to accept a portion of the contributions of Member States for the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 in currencies other than United States dollars.

The non-US currencies in which it is estimated that substantial amounts of expenditures will be incurred by the United Nations in 1970 are the following:

Austrian schillings	Netherlands guilders
Chilean escudos	Pounds sterling
Ethiopian dollars	Swiss francs
Israeli pounds	Thailand baht
Mexican pesos	

In addition, there is a reasonable prospect for a limited amount of expenditures to be incurred in the following currencies:

Belgian francs
French francs

Indian rupees
Pakistan rupees

It will, therefore, be possible to accept payment of part of the contributions of Member States for 1970 in these currencies. If Member States should wish to effect payment in respect of their 1970 contributions in one or more of these currencies, it would be appreciated if notification to that effect could be received as soon as possible and in any event not later than 16 February 1970. At the same time, indication should be given of the maximum amount that the Government would wish to remit in each of the currencies selected for payment and the approximate date by which such remittance or remittances could be expected.

Member States which have replied affirmatively prior to 16 February 1970 will be advised as soon as possible thereafter of the specific amounts that may be remitted in the currencies indicated by them and the bank accounts to which deposit should be made. It will, of course, be appreciated that the extent to which the wishes expressed by Member States can, in fact, be accommodated will be dependent on estimated United Nations expenditures in non-US currencies and that these, in turn, will be directly affected by the promptness with which such currencies are made available.

As in prior years, payment of contributions in currencies other than United States dollars will be subject to the conditions set out in the following paragraphs.

It is a general condition of acceptance that all currencies remitted for effecting payment of contributions should represent transferable funds which can be used, without further negotiation within the exchange regulations of the countries concerned, for all expenditures incurred by the United Nations within the country in whose currency payment is made.

The dollar equivalent of contribution payments in currencies other than US dollars will be calculated at the most favourable rate of exchange effective on the date of payment and available to the United Nations for conversion of dollars into the respective currencies.

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If at any time during the year following the date of payment of contributions in non-US currencies there should occur a reduction in the exchange value of an allocated currency in terms of United States dollars, Member States may be required, upon notification, to make payment to cover the exchange variations as from the effective date of the change in rate.

Payments in dollars of the contributions to the United Nations regular budget should be credited to:

United Nations No. 1 Account
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Edbury Street
New York, N.Y. 10045

List of documents attached

- (1) Document A/RES/2607 (XXIV) - Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1969
- (2) Document A/RES/2613 (XXIV) - Budget for the financial year 1970:
 - A - Budget appropriations for the financial year 1970
 - B - Income estimates for the financial year 1970
 - C - Financing of appropriations for the financial year 1970
- (3) Document A/RES/2615 (XXIV) - Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1970
- (4) Document ST/ADM/SER.B/208 - Statement of Member States' contributions to the United Nations regular budget for the financial year 1970

Annex III

AMOUNTS ALLOCATED FOR PAYMENT IN CURRENCIES
 OTHER THAN US DOLLARS FOR 1970

	<u>Member State</u>		<u>Equivalent of \$US</u>
<u>Belgian francs</u>	Luxembourg		65,185
<u>Chilean escudos</u>	France		820,000
<u>Czechoslovak crowns</u>	Czechoslovakia		20,000
<u>French francs</u>	Cameroon	56,256	
	France	<u>450,000</u>	506,256
<u>Indian rupees</u>	India		200,000
<u>Israeli pounds</u>	United States	700,000	
	Israel	<u>200,000</u>	900,000
<u>Pakistan rupees</u>	United States		300,000
<u>Pounds sterling</u>	United Kingdom		6,982,822
<u>Roubles</u>	Ukrainian SSR		<u>250,000</u>
			<u>10,044,263</u>
