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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Letter dated 9 September 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, seven Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

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. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2006 and 2007) are as follows:

| <i>Member State</i> | <i>Minimum payment (United States dollars)</i> |
|--------------------------|--|
| Central African Republic | 380 113.67 |
| Comoros | 772 795.00 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 532 395.00 |
| Liberia | 785 845.00 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 636 495.00 |
| Somalia | 1 064 795.00 |
| Tajikistan | 404 294.16 |

(Signed) **Ban Ki-moon**
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