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REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to state the position of his Government to the Secretariat's document A/5847, dated 18 January 1965, concerning the collection of contributions to the United Nations. In paragraph 3 of the cited document Czechoslovakia has been introduced among a number of other Member States that "should be considered to be in arrears, as at 17 January 1965, in the payment of their contributions to the United Nations, in amounts in excess of the amounts of their assessed contributions for the preceding two full years, namely, 1963 and 1964".

The assertion concerning Czechoslovakia being in United Nations debt does not correspond to facts since Czechoslovakia has paid all its contributions to the United Nations assessed till the end of 1964. That was confirmed in the note by the Permanent Representative No. 2220/64 of 11 November 1964 in which the last payment of Czechoslovak contributions for 1964 was announced.

In complying with its financial and other obligations to the United Nations, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has strictly abode by the relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter. The Czechoslovak Government has always met all of its obligations with regard to the regular budget of the United Nations and the Working Capital Fund in due time and in proper way. Proceeding from the same principles it has considered itself duty bound to refuse taking share in the so-called United Nations peace-keeping operations, even in financing them, whenever they have been undertaken or carried on in the violation of the United Nations Charter. The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has explained its

point of view on this subject in its delegation's statements during the seventeenth and eighteenth regular sessions and the fourth special session of the General Assembly and in the notes by the Czechoslovak Permanent Representative, particularly No. 1120/64 of 27 January 1964 and 1907/64 of 30 June 1964. Moreover, the Czechoslovak position as well as that of some other Member States found an expression in all documents series ST/ADM/SER.B recently put out.

Consequently, the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic regards paragraph 3 of document A/5847 with respect to Czechoslovakia as completely unfounded.

The Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic would be very grateful if the Secretary-General of the United Nations would arrange that the above stated position of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic is taken into consideration when the situation in collection of contributions to the United Nations is evaluated.

It would be highly appreciated if the note could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly
