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MISSION OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to his report on the collection of contributions as at 17 January 1965 (A/5847), has the honour to state the following:

The annex to the report lists the People's Republic of Bulgaria as having allegedly contributed \$US28,304 for "prior years", and \$US101,912 in respect of the 1964 regular budget of the Organization.

In this connexion, the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria wishes to emphasize that the payment of \$US130,216 by the Bulgarian Government during the period covered by the Secretary-General's report was explicitly made to cover the balance of the full amount of Bulgaria's assessed contribution for the 1964 regular budget of the United Nations. The contention that Bulgaria has made a payment towards so-called "arrears" for "prior years" amounts to a misrepresentation of the specific terms of the letter No. 326 of 28 December 1964 of this Mission, by which the payment in question was made. It would seem that the respective services of the Secretariat have felt themselves free to disregard the real position of the People's Republic of Bulgaria concerning the so-called "arrears" on contributions, assessed in violation of the Charter, by making it appear that a payment towards those "arrears" had been made.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria wishes to reaffirm that its Government continues to stand firmly by its position as outlined in note (3) - (a), (b), and (c) in document ST/ADM/SER.B/194, - namely, that sums, illegally assessed against Member States to cover expenses of the Organization, incurred in violation of the Charter, cannot be regarded as debts.

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The People's Republic of Bulgaria does not consider itself bound to pay any "arrears" arbitrarily calculated on the basis of resolutions adopted in violation of the Charter. Therefore, it would be highly appreciated if the respective services of the Secretariat would take the appropriate steps with a view to correcting the record of payments made by the People's Republic of Bulgaria, in strict accordance with the statements contained in letters No. 127 of 14 May 1964, No. 268 of 12 October 1964, and No. 326 of 28 December 1964 of this Mission to the Secretary-General.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has the honour to request that this note be circulated as a document of the current session of the General Assembly.
