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After having received the report on the "Collection of contributions as at 17 January 1965", document A/5847, the Permanent Mission of the Hungarian People's Republic deems necessary to state the following:

In point 3 of the said document there is a reference to Member States which, allegedly, "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". While enumerating the Member States, which according to the report, would fall into this category, Hungary is also mentioned as one of them.

This claim is completely groundless and contradicts the provisions and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

Having paid attention ever since her admission to the Organization to fulfil all financial obligations towards the United Nations as stipulated by the Charter, the Hungarian People's Republic has no arrears exceeding the amount of its assessed contribution for the preceding two full years.

The obviously confusing claim that the Hungarian People's Republic did not meet its financial obligations to the United Nations is based on those attempts which try to legalize assessments for the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the Ad Hoc account for the United Nations Operation in the Congo, assessments and expenses which were effected by the gross violation of the Charter of the United Nations.

The position of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic has already been many times stated as to these illegal assessments, particularly during the fourth special session and the eighteenth regular session of the General Assembly

of the United Nations. This position is based on the irrefutable fact that there can be no obligation for Member States of the United Nations to defray the expenses of maintaining United Nations armed forces unless they are authorized by the Security Council of the United Nations. Articles 43 and 46 of the Charter are quite explicit on this matter and their validity cannot be questioned under any circumstances.

This Mission expresses its deep regret that the Secretariat has deemed necessary to publish the aforesaid unwarranted document at a moment when it might contribute only to hamper the reestablishment of the normal procedures in the General Assembly session.

The Permanent Mission has the honour to request that this statement be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly.

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to the United Nations
