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Letter dated 8 April 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, six 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 (2014 and 2015) are as follows:

| <i>Member State</i> | <i>Minimum payment (United States dollars)</i> |
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| Comoros ^a | 873 901 |
| Guinea-Bissau ^a | 409 573 |
| Libya | 1 369 638 |
| Sao Tome and Principe ^a | 797 519 |
| Somalia ^a | 1 321 917 |
| Yemen ^a | 439 224 |

^a In its resolution 70/2, the General Assembly decided that the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Yemen would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until the end of its seventieth session.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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