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

Letter dated 27 September 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 14 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

“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 (2000 and 2001) are as follows (in United States dollars):

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Minimum payment</i>
Burundi	46 238.00 ^a
Central African Republic	297 002.00
Comoros	720 638.00 ^a
Georgia	6 728 057.00 ^a
Guinea-Bissau	435 838.00 ^a
Iraq	12 300 858.00
Kyrgyzstan	201 909.00
Liberia	1 066 565.00
Niger	326 683.00
Republic of Moldova	2 425 258.00 ^a
Sao Tome and Principe	566 238.00 ^a

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Minimum payment</i>
Somalia	967 538.00 ^a
Tajikistan	1 788 612.06 ^a
Vanuatu	5 938.00

^a By its resolution 57/4 of 27 September 2002, the General Assembly decided that Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2003, and that Burundi would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until the next substantive session of the Committee on Contributions, scheduled to be held from 2 June 2003.

(Signed) Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
