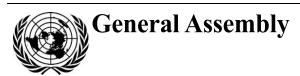
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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses
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1. At present, 11 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

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 (2018 and 2019) are as follows:

Member State	Minimum payment (United States dollars)
Central African Republic	31 076
Comoros ^a	885 858
Gambia	31 663
Lebanon	459 008
Lesotho	17 682
Sao Tome and Principe ^a	832 075
Somalia ^a	1 451 951
Suriname	113 828
Tonga	16 444
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	21 478 709
Yemen	318 838

^a In its resolution 74/1, the General Assembly decided that the Comoros, Sao Tome and Principe and Somalia would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until the end of its seventy-fourth session.

(Signed) António Guterres



