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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.

NOTE

1. It is the duty of the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with its terms of reference 1/ to "consider and report to the General Assembly on the action to be taken if Members fall into default with their contributions", and in this connexion, to "advise the Assembly in regard to the application of Article 19 of the Charter."
2. In compliance with this directive and in accordance with the practice followed in previous years, the Committee on Contributions at its 1954, 1955 and 1956 sessions considered a report by the Secretary-General on the collection of contributions, which included a detailed statement of the amounts due from each Member State in respect of its financial contributions to the Organization at the time of the meetings of the Committee.
3. The reports of the Committee on Contributions to the General Assembly at its ninth 2/ and tenth 3/ sessions indicated that no Member State was in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19. Consequently, at these sessions, as at all previous sessions, no action was required by the General Assembly in respect of the application of Article 19. In its report 4/ to the eleventh session of the General Assembly, which was issued in April 1956, the Committee authorized the Chairman to issue at a later date an addendum to the report regarding the question of the status of collection of contributions.

1/ G A (IX), Suppl. No. 10 (A/2716), p. 7.
2/ G A (IX), Suppl. No. 10 (A/2716).
3/ G A (X), Suppl. No. 10 (A/2951).
4/ G A (XI), Suppl. No. 10 (A/3121), para. 27.

