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## UNITED NATIONS—PAYMENTS BY MEMBERS

Whereas one hundred and thirteen nations have accepted the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations to maintain international peace and security and have agreed "to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace"; and

Whereas the International Court of Justice in an advisory opinion on July 20, 1962, held that expenditures for peacekeeping operations constitute expenses of the Organization which shall be borne by the members as apportioned by the General Assembly under article 17 of the United Nations Charter; and

Whereas the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice was accepted by the General Assembly in a resolution on December 19, 1962, by a vote of seventy-six in favor, seventeen against, and eight abstentions; and

Whereas article 19 of the United Nations Charter provides that 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, unless relieved of that penalty by a vote of the General Assembly on the grounds that "the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member"; and

Whereas at the convening of the Nineteenth General Assembly of the United Nations in 1964, certain members of the United Nations which are now in arrears may fall within the purview of the provisions of article 19 of the United Nations Charter; and

Whereas legislation has been enacted expressing the sense of the Congress that "the United Nations should take immediate steps to give effect to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the financial obligations of members of the United Nations in order to assure prompt payment of all assessments, including assessments to cover the cost of operations to maintain or restore international peace and security": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that the President should direct the Permanent United States Delegate to the United Nations to continue efforts toward securing payment by members of the United Nations of their assessments in arrears. It is further the sense of the Congress that if, upon the convening of the Nineteenth General Assembly, the arrears of any member of the United Nations equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due from it for the preceding two full years, the President should direct the Permanent United States Delegate to make every effort to assure invocation of the penalty provisions of article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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