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Date: 24th December, 1970.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters presents his compliments to His Excellency President Kenneth Kaunda, Chairman of the current summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to inform you of the grave situation of the state of contribution into the Regular Budget by the member states of the Organization of African Unity.

The Board of External Auditors in their report on the accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1969/70 expressed their great concern how the Organization could effectively accomplish its tasks which were increasing from day to day if the rates of outstanding arrears of its Member States continued to take an upward trend, and recommended that efforts should be made for the settlement of arrears of contributions to the Budget of the Organization by the Member States.

I enclose with this letter, the Statement of Outstanding Contributions due to the 1965/67, 1967/68, 1968/69 and 1970/71 Budgets as of 11th December 1970.

The members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters which met in December 1970 in Addis Ababa wished to draw the attention of the Member States to Article XXIII of the Charter.

"The budget of the Organization prepared by the Administrative Secretary-General shall be approved by the Council of Ministers. The budget shall be provided by contributions from Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment of the United Nations; provided, however, that no

Member State shall be assessed an amount exceeding twenty percent of the yearly regular budget of the Organization. The Member States agree to pay their respective contributions regularly."

I hereby request His Excellency the Chairman of the Current Summit of the O.A.U. to use his good offices to appeal to the Member States to pay their contributions regularly.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters avails himself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency President Kenneth Kaunda, Chairman of the Current Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

H.E. President Kenneth Kaunda
Republic of Zambia,
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