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His Excellency U Thant**

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Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic sends U Thant a statement on the issue of 1966 budget to the United Nations.

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The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and considers it necessary, in connexion with note No. F 1 311(1) of 11 January 1967 to draw attention to the following:

In its note No. 354 of 29 December 1966 the Mission indicated that the remittance of U.S.\$ 332,800 constituted the contribution due from the Ukrainian SSR to the regular United Nations budget for 1966. However, as is clear from the Secretary-General's note and the receipt enclosed with it, the Secretary-General thought it possible, on the grounds of the financial rules of the United Nations, to divide the sum contributed into two parts: one part, amounting to U.S.\$ 177,903.20, was applied ^{against} to cover the so-called "balance due in respect of 1965", and only the remaining part, amounting to U.S.\$ 154,896.80 was credited to the Ukrainian SSR's contribution to the regular United Nations budget for 1966.

As the Mission has already pointed out more than once, the Government of the Ukrainian SSR does not participate in the financing of ^{expenditure} ~~expenses~~ arising from unlawful measures carried out in violation or circumvention of the United Nations Charter and does not contribute to the regular United Nations budget sums relating to such expenditure. Such expenditure includes sums spent on payments of interest and capital in connexion with the United Nations loan that was ^{issued} ~~raised~~ to finance unlawful ~~operations of the United Nations~~ ^{operations} in the Congo and the Middle East; on maintaining the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea ^{and} on the memorial cemetery in Korea; on the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine; and on the United Nations Field Operations Service. Moreover, as is well known, the ^{Government of} Ukrainian SSR makes a contribution in Soviet roubles to the regular technical assistance programme. Accordingly, the Government of the Ukrainian SSR cannot ~~consider permissible~~ regard it as permissible to apply part of our contribution to the regular United Nations budget for 1966 to the so-called "balance due in respect of 1965".

In this connexion the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the United Nations draws the Secretary-General's attention to the fact that reference to the

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financial rules of the United Nations cannot be justified in the present case, inasmuch as our note specifically stated what our payment was for. The United Nations Secretariat has no right to dispose of our funds as it thinks fit, but is obliged to pay attention to our instructions.

Arbitrary handling, by the United Nations Secretariat, of the funds of a Member State regardless of that State's clearly expressed wishes, cannot be regarded as other than an inadmissible infringement of the rights of a sovereign State Member of the United Nations.

In the light of what has been stated above, the Ukrainian SSR is unable to accept the United Nations Secretariat's arbitrary treatment of its payment and, in accordance with the United Nations Charter, will continue to regard the sum of U.S\$ 332,800 as constituting the contribution due from the Ukrainian SSR to the regular United Nations budget for 1966, as stated in note No.354 of 29 December 1966 of the Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the United Nations.

His Excellency U Thant,
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