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Subject: Member States' Assessed Contributions for 2019

Sir, Madam,

I have the honor to inform you that the Member States' assessed contributions letters for 2019 are now available for:

- UNESCO's regular budget,
- The World Heritage Fund for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,
- The Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

To date, assessed contribution letters have always been sent in printed form, by mail to Ministries, and with copies to Permanent Delegations and National Commissions. This is a labor intensive and costly process. In the interests of both administrative efficiency, and that UNESCO systematically adopts more environmentally friendly communication methods (part of the "Greening" of UNESCO), we propose no longer to send printed assessment letters. The letters will instead be available online (<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/member-states/mscontent/assessed-contributions>), in the same web-space as we currently provide the assessed contribution summary reports.

We trust that all Member States will be able to support this revised arrangement. However, in the event that a hard copy invoice is still required, we will of course provide this on request.

Prompt payment of assessed contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States. On many occasions, the governing bodies expressed concerns on the financial situation of the Organization as a result of the non-payment of assessed contributions by some Member States and the severe implications thereof for the delivery of programme activities. They also repeatedly appealed to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay.

The Director-General wishes to renew her appeal to all Member States to provide their 2019 assessed contributions as early as possible. She would greatly appreciate your Government's every effort to ensure full and early payment of its contributions.

Finally, I also would like to highlight that the 2019 assessments reflect the application of the new United Nations scale of assessment, in accordance with the General Conference resolution 39 C/68.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations and Observers to UNESCO