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Letter from the UN Secretary-General to all UN Staff

To: Chairs, Member Associations/Unions
Members of the Executive Committee
Chairs, Members with Associate Status
Chairs, Associations with Consultative Status
Presidents, Federations with Observer Status
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Standing Committees

Geneva, 10 October 2019

From: Evelyn Kortum, General Secretary

Reference is made to the [attached letter](#) which the Secretary-General of the United Nations sent to all United Nations staff on 7 October 2019 relative to the financial crisis which the United Nations (UN) is currently facing due to the fact that UN Member States have paid only 70 per cent of the total amount needed for the UN's regular budget operations in 2019.

It seems that the UN Secretary-General's letter has been circulating amongst colleagues of various Organizations and thus also causing concern among staff in other Organizations and Specialized Agencies. Although some of the Specialized Agencies in the UN common system have their own budgetary challenges, I would like to clarify that the figures and the specific situation described in the UN Secretary-General's letter apply to the UN Secretariat only.

The Specialized Agencies have their own governing bodies and their own respective budgets.

I trust that this will clarify the matter.
