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REPRESENTATION BY SPAIN

The following communication, of 7 May 1968, addressed by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain to the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, is submitted to the Committee on Contributions for consideration:

Sir,

Resolution 2291 (XXII), adopted by the General Assembly, established the scale of assessments of the States Members of the United Nations. Spain's assessment of 0.92 involved an increase of 0.29, equivalent to 26 per cent.

This increase coincided exactly with the devaluation of the Spanish peseta in November last, which necessitated the adoption of certain measures, including:

- (1) Freezing of credits for all external service costs;
- (2) Freezing of all government expenditure, except for essential educational purposes;
- (3) Freezing of the increase in civil service salaries which had been approved prior to the devaluation.

In these circumstances, the increase in Spain's assessment raises a serious problem, not only for Spain, but for any country which may find it necessary at one time or another to devalue its currency and to impose measures similar to those adopted by the Spanish Government.

In order that the Committee may be adequately informed of the facts, fundamental changes having occurred in my country's capacity to pay, I should

be grateful if you would bear in mind the measures adopted by my Government.  
In any event, I shall be grateful if you and the members of the Committee  
will allow me to expand on this information.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration,

(Signed) Jaime de PINIES  
Deputy Permanent Representative  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.