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STATUS OF THE COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. A Statement on the Collection of Contributions to the United Nations Regular Budget, the United Nations Emergency Force Special Account and to the Congo ad hoc Account as at 30 April 1961 (ST/ADM/SER.B/144) is
..... attached hereto.

2. The totals of the contributions collected in respect of the three accounts since 30 April 1961 are as follows:

	US\$
United Nations Budget	2,951,454
UNEF Special Account	561,861
Congo <u>ad hoc</u> Account	<u>291,656</u>
Total	<u>3,804,971</u>

3. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee on Contributions shall "consider and report to the General Assembly on the action to be taken if Members fall into default with their contributions", and in this connexion shall "advise the General Assembly in regard to the application of Article 19 of the Charter", which provides as follows:

"A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

Under Regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund shall be considered as due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the Secretary-General's communication informing Member States of their commitments, or as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate, whichever is the later. As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such contributions and advances shall be considered to be one year in arrears.

4. At the present time the amount of arrears due by any Member State is in all cases less than the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years, not including the current year. Consequently, no action is required by the Committee as regards the application of Article 19 of the Charter.

Collection of Contributions in Currencies other than United States Dollars

5. The General Assembly at its thirteenth session empowered the Secretary-General, as has been the practice since 1948, "to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial years 1959, 1960 and 1961 in currencies other than United States dollars" (resolution 1308 (XIII)).

6. Under this authority, the Secretary-General informed Member States of the currencies^{1/} other than United States dollars in which payment of the part of the 1961 contributions could be accepted. On the basis of the requests received and taking into account actual United Nations requirements in each currency, arrangements were made whereby Member States were given the maximum facilities to pay in non-United States currencies. Seventeen Member States availed themselves in 1961 of the option to pay in one or other of the non-U.S. currencies to the equivalent of a total of \$10.1 million as shown in the annexed list.

^{1/} The non-U.S. currencies in which substantial amounts of United Nations expenditures are incurred and in which payment of part of the 1961 contributions could be accepted are: Belgian francs, Chilean escudos, Ethiopian dollars, French francs, Mexican pesos, Netherlands guilders, Pounds sterling, Swiss francs and Thailand baht.

7. As the arrangements for payment in currencies other than United States dollars of part of Member States contributions to the Congo ad hoc Account for 1961 have not yet been completed, it is expected that the total amount to be paid in such currencies will be substantially increased.

Annex

Amounts allocated to Member States for Payment in Currencies
other than United States dollars for 1961 as at 30 April 1961

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Amount allocated Equivalent of U.S. dollars</u>
<u>Belgian francs</u>	
Luxembourg	<u>35,848.00</u>
<u>French francs^{a/}</u>	
Central African Republic	32,369.50
Congo (Brazzaville)	32,369.50
Chad	32,369.50
Gabon	32,369.50
Ivory Coast	48,580.50
Madagascar	48,580.50
Senegal	48,580.50
Togo	<u>32,369.50</u>
	<u>307,589.00</u>
<u>Pounds sterling</u>	
Burma	49,494.00
Cuba	148,757.00
Cyprus	27,098.00
Ceylon	61,866.00
India	2,285,760.00 ^{b/}
New Zealand	265,660.00 ^{b/}
United Kingdom	<u>6,844,009.00^{b/}</u>
	<u>9,682,644.00</u>
<u>Thailand baht</u>	
Thailand	<u>90,792.00</u>

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- ^{a/} The amount allocated to the new Members represents their contributions for 1960 and 1961.
- ^{b/} Includes contributions to UNEF for 1961 and to the Congo ad hoc Account for 1960.