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ASSESSMENT OF NON-MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE BECOME
MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND
THE FAR EAST OR THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
EUROPE

Report by the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council on 22 April 1954 adopted resolution 517 (XVII)^{1/}. In accordance therewith, the pertinent paragraphs of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Economic Commission for Europe are amended to include certain countries mentioned in the resolution as members of the Commissions "provided that in each case the States apply for such membership and agree to contribute annually such equitable amounts as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time in accordance with procedures established by the General Assembly in similar cases".
2. The procedures established in similar cases are those followed in arriving at the contributions to be paid by States not Members of the United Nations that are parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice or signatories of the international instruments relating to the control of narcotic drugs.
3. In these cases the Committee on Contributions determines the percentage rates at which the non-Member States may be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the United Nations activities in question. These rates are

^{1/} For the text of this resolution see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, seventeenth session, Supplement No. 1.

subject to consultation with the Governments concerned and to approval by the General Assembly. In establishing these rates the Committee has in general applied the same principles as for the establishment of the rates of contribution of Members States toward the expenses of the United Nations.

4. The States that under the Council resolution 517 (XVII) may become members of the Economic Commissions are:

<u>ECAFE</u>	<u>ECE</u>
Cambodia	Austria
Ceylon	Finland
Republic of Korea	Ireland
Japan	Italy
Laos	Portugal
Nepal	
Viet-Nam	

Membership will become effective at the time the Secretary-General receives their application and their agreement to contribute as required. At the present time, the following States have complied with these two conditions:

	<u>Effective Date</u>
Japan, with respect to ECAFE	24 June 1954
Italy, with respect to ECE	19 July 1954

5. Some of the other States concerned have enquired about the procedures to be followed and the amount of assessment, and it is possible that some or all of the others may become members of the Economic Commissions in the near future.

6. As in the case of non-Member States that have become Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice during the present year (A/CN.2/R.68), the Committee will also have to consider the question of the proportionate share of the expenses of the Economic Commissions to be paid for the year of admission.
