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ASSESSMENT OF BELGIUM

The following communication, dated 4 May 1967, addressed by the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, is submitted to the Committee on Contributions for consideration:

"The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note FI 313/1(1) of 14 April, drawing the attention of the Mission to the fact that the next session of the Committee on Contributions is scheduled to open in New York on 16 May 1967.

"As the Committee will under rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly draw up a scale of assessments for the three-year period 1968-1970, the Permanent Mission of Belgium was requested to forward, in good time, any supplementary data relevant to the work of the Committee on Contributions which it wished to submit.

"Annexed hereto, accordingly, is a table drawn up by the Belgian Ministry of Economic Affairs, giving the comparative situation of the net national product for Belgium and several other Western European States, namely: France, Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

"The table gives the net national product in dollars per capita of the population.

"The Permanent Mission of Belgium takes this opportunity, etc."

COMPARATIVE SITUATION OF THE NET NATIONAL PRODUCT FOR BELGIUM AND
SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	Average 1960/ 61/62	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	Average 1963/ 64/65
<u>Net national product</u>								
France (in thousand millions of francs)	270.82	291.36	325.12		360.08	395.42	417.93	
Italy (in thousand millions of lire)	19,219	21,308	24,053		27,622	30,264	32,398	
Germany (Federal Republic) (in thousand millions of Deutsch marks)	270.56	296.55	320.67		339.80	371.85	401.50	
United Kingdom (in millions of pounds)	23,766	25,361	26,561		28,238	30,450	33,682	
Netherlands (in millions of florins)	38,820	41,080	43,970		47,920	56,340	62,630	
Belgium (in millions of francs)	516,476	547,708	586,257		628,612	699,475	757,265	
<u>Rate of exchange</u>								
France (francs per dollar)	4.937	4.937	4.937		4.937	4.937	4.937	
Italy (lire per dollar)	625.0	625.0	625.0		625.0	625.0	625.0	
Germany (Federal Republic) (Deutschmarks per dollar)	4.200	4.000	4.000		4.000	4.000	4.000	

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>Average 1960/ 61/62</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>Average 1963 64/65</u>
<u>Rate of exchange (cont'd)</u>								
United Kingdom (pounds sterling per dollar)	0.357	0.357	0.357		0.357	0.357	0.357	
Netherlands (florins per dollar)	3.80	3.62	3.62		3.62	3.62	3.62	
Belgium (frances per dollar)	50.-	50.-	50.-		50.-	50.-	50.-	
<u>Net national product</u> (in millions of dollars)								
France	54,458	59,016	65,854		72,935	80,093	84,653	
Italy	30,750	34,093	38,485		44,195	48,422	51,837	
Germany (Federal Republic)	64,419	84,138	80,168		84,950	92,960	100,375	
United Kingdom	66,571	71,039	74,401		79,098	85,311	94,347	
Netherlands	10,216	11,348	12,146		13,238	15,534	17,301	
Belgium	10,329	10,954	11,725		12,572	13,989	15,145	

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45,684	46,163	46,998		47,854	48,411	48,922	
49,642	49,903	50,190		50,641	51,090	51,575	
53,224	54,029	54,737		55,430	56,097	56,839	
52,508	52,964	53,481		53,817	54,213	54,595	
11,486	11,638	11,606		11,966	12,127	12,294	
9,153	9,168	9,220		9,289	9,378	9,463	

Population (in thousands)

France

Italy

Germany (Federal Republic)

United Kingdom

Netherlands

Belgium

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<u>Per capita net product</u> (in dollars)	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>1960/</u> <u>61/62</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>1963/</u> <u>64/65</u>
France	1,200	1,278	1,401	1,293 (8%)	1,524	1,654	1,730	1,630 (7%)
Italy	619	683	767	690 (11%)	873	948	1 005	942 (8%)
Germany (Federal Republic)	1,210	1,372	1,464	1,349 (11%)	1,533	1,657	1,766	1,652 (8%)
United Kingdom	1,268	1,341	1,391	1,333 (5%)	1,470	1,574	1,728	1,591 (8%)
Netherlands	889	975	1 047	970 (9%)	1 106	1 282	1 407	1 265 (14%)
Belgium	1,128	1,195	1,272	1,198 (6%) ^{1/}	1,354	1,492	1,600	1,482 (9%) ^{1/}

^{1/} Percentage of increase in national income.