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ASSESSMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: MAURITANIA,
MONGOLIA, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIA AND TANGANYIKA

(Report by the Secretary-General)

1. Under rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee on Contributions shall "advise the General Assembly on the assessments to be fixed for new Members...". The States admitted to membership in the United Nations at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly are as follows:

<u>States</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>
Mauritania	27 October 1961
Mongolia	27 October 1961
Sierra Leone	27 September 1961
Tanganyika	14 December 1961

Syria was an original member of the United Nations from 24 October 1945. Following a plebiscite held on 21 February 1958, Syria and Egypt joined in establishing the United Arab Republic, which continued as a single Member of the United Nations. On 13 October 1961 Syria, having resumed its status as an independent State, also resumed its separate membership in the Organization.

2. The statistics of national income and population for 1957-1959 for the new Member States are contained in document A/CN.2/R.178.

Assessment for the Year of Admission

3. Under Regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations "New Members shall be required to make a contribution for the year in which they become Members and to provide their proportion of the total advances to the Working Capital

Fund at rates to be determined by the General Assembly." In this connexion, the General Assembly at the second part of its first session decided (resolution 69 (I)) as follows:

"That new Members be required to contribute to the annual budget of the year in which they are first admitted, at least $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent of their percentage assessment determined for the following year, applied to the budget for the year of their admission."

By General Assembly decisions, exceptions have been made to this rule and the prescribed minimum of one-third has been reduced. For instance, the seventeen new Members admitted to the Organization during the months of September and October 1960 were required to contribute one-ninth of their percentage assessment for 1961 applied to the net budget for 1960.
