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CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM SPECIALIZED AGENCIES UNDER  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 311 (IV) OF 24 NOVEMBER 1949

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fourth session the General Assembly adopted the following resolution (311 B (IV)):

"The General Assembly,

"Believing that there is room for closer relationship between the assessments of Member States in the contributions both of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies,

"1. Recognizes that, to the extent that the contributions of members of the specialized agencies are assessed in accordance with principles similar to those on which the contributions of Members of the United Nations are based, it is desirable that the same data should be utilized for the assessment of those contributions;

"2. Authorizes the Committee on Contributions to recommend or advise on the scale of contributions for a specialized agency if requested by that agency to do so;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to inform each agency that the Committee is available to perform this service."

2. In its 1950 report<sup>1/</sup> the Committee on Contributions outlined the procedure to be followed in implementing this resolution. It authorized the Secretariat to make available to the specialized agencies upon their request the basic statistical data used by the Committee. The Committee, or the Chairman between sessions, has

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/1330), paras. 22-26.

also supplied at the request of specialized agencies "theoretical probable percentages in the United Nations scale" for States that are not Members of the United Nations.

3. The specialized agencies have been informed of the opening date of the 1966 session of the Committee on Contributions. In reply, the following request has been received from UNESCO:

Paris, 17 August 1966

"The Director-General would be grateful if the Committee could advise on possible assessments for Basutoland and Bechuanaland (Botswana) in the event that they become member States of UNESCO. I imagine that both would be in the minimum category, but the advice of the Committee would be appreciated."

4. At its 1965 session, the Committee decided that in reply to a request from the Food and Agriculture Organization the following theoretical probable percentages could be given for the two States:

Bechuanaland	0.04
Basutoland	0.04

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