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STATISTICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION  
SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Under the arrangement made by the Fifth Committee at the eighth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General on 15 March 1961 addressed the annexed communication to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of all Member States informing them of the dates of the meetings of the Committee on Contributions. In this note the Secretary-General also requested that any data relevant to the work of the Committee that Governments might wish to submit be made available to the Organization as soon as possible.
2. A summary of the replies received from Member States is given in the following:

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Date of Reply</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Argentina	25 April	Submitted supplementary data and made representation for a reduction in the assessment. For text of letter see A/CN.2/R.155.
Burma	6 April	Submitted a copy of "National Income of Burma 1960 and estimates of Gross National Product and net national income for the years 1956-57, 1957-58, and 1958-59.
Central African Republic	13 April	Submitted publication on the economy of the country based on 1956 figures.

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Federation of Malaya	25 April	Submitted estimates of Gross National Product for the years 1955-59.
Gabon	10 April	Suggested the assessment remain at 0.04 per cent. For text of letter see A/CN.2/R.159.
Hungary	31 March 2 May	Submitted data on national income and per capita income and other information relevant to capacity-to-pay. For text of letters see A/CN.2/R.160 and Add.1.
Japan	14 April	Submitted note on supplementary data. See A/CN.2/R.154.
Mali	8 March	Submitted data on the national income of Mali for the years 1957-59.
Morocco	12 April	Submitted estimates of national income for the years 1957-59.
Norway	19 April	Submitted national income estimates for the years 1957-60.
Panama	7 April	Submitted estimates of national income for the years 1957-59.
Poland	24 April	Returned United Nations questionnaire on the national income of Poland completed for the years 1957-59.
Spain	24 April	Referring to the figures given on the national income of Spain for 1957-59 and 1960, and other relevant data, requested a reduction in its assessment. For text of letter see A/CN.2/R.158.
Tunisia	18 April	Submitted statistical data relevant to the national income of Tunisia for the period 1950-59.
Upper Volta	11 April	Referred to a study made by M. Courcier in 1956 and to the figures given therein on the national income for 1956.

3. In their replies the following Member States informed the Secretary-General that national income estimates for their countries had been submitted to the United Nations Statistical Office:

Denmark  
Ecuador  
Ghana  
Netherlands  
Thailand

4. The national income estimates and other statistical data submitted by Member States as indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above are included in the document entitled "National Income Data and Related Statistics" (A/CN.2/R.151).

ANNEX

NOTE ADDRESSED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
TO THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ALL MEMBER STATES ON  
15 MARCH 1961

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to

and has the honour to inform him that the next session of the Committee on Contributions is scheduled to open in New York on 9 May 1961. It is expected that the session will last two to three weeks.

The Committee is convened under General Assembly resolution 1308 (XIII), which in paragraph 2 provides that the United Nations scale of assessments "shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1961, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its sixteenth session."

The arrangement that Member States should be informed of the dates of the meetings of the Committee on Contributions was made by the Fifth Committee at the eighth session of the General Assembly in order to ensure that Governments would submit the latest national income and other data in time for the Committee to take such information into account in the formulation of its recommendations to the General Assembly on the scale of assessments.

At its forthcoming session, the Committee on Contributions will under rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly draw up a scale of assessments for the three-year period 1962-1964. The Statistical Office of the United Nations has already requested Member States to submit, for the use of the Committee on Contributions, national income estimates for the three-year period 1957-1959 and any later relevant statistical data available. The statistics on national income as required by the Committee on Contributions may therefore already have been forwarded to the United Nations through the usual statistical channels. If Member States should wish to submit supplementary data relevant to the work of the Committee on Contributions, it would be helpful if such data or information could be submitted as soon as possible and at the latest by 15 April 1961.

15 March 1961

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