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REQUESTS FOR ADVICE AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATING TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Requests for Advice from Specialized Agencies

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Requests for advice as to the rates of assessment of certain Member and non-member States of the United Nations have been received from a number of specialized agencies, as shown below. In accordance with the authority given the Secretariat by the Committee on Contributions at its thirty-fifth session in 1975, "theoretical probable percentages" have been provided the agencies when it has been apparent that such percentages would be at the floor in the United Nations scale.

<u>Specialized Agency</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Theoretical probable percentages</u>
International Labour Organisation (ILO)	Surinam	0.02
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Cape Verde	0.02
	Mozambique	-
	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	-
World Health Organization (WHO)	Surinam	0.02
	Sao Tome and Principe	0.02
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Surinam	0.02
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Comoros	0.02
	Papua New Guinea	0.02

2. No theoretical rates for Mozambique and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been provided FAO since unofficial and tentative national income and related statistics (the only data available to the Secretariat at the time of the preparation of this report) indicate that the percentage rates of assessment for the two countries may not be at the floor in the United Nations scale.

3. In view of the fact that the legislative bodies of a number of agencies are scheduled to meet in May or June, the approval of the Committee is requested for cabled confirmation (or otherwise) to be transmitted at an early date to ILO,^{1/} FAO, WHO, ICAO and WMO of percentages provided those agencies. At the same time, the attention of the Committee is also invited to the request for advice made by FAO as to rates of assessment for Mozambique and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

4. A further request has been received from ILO for the basic national income and related data which is before the Committee at its current session. In a communication dated 5 March 1976 addressed by the Treasurer and Financial Comptroller of ILO to the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions, it was stated that the data, which would be used confidentially, was required, "inter alia, for certain computations connected with the determination of the countries entitled to permanent seats in the Governing Body. The method of election of the Members of the Governing Body has been and still is a subject of vital importance in the deliberations of the Governing Body Committee on Structure which has requested that we should have up-to-date figures available prior to its next session (probably June 1976)".^{2/}

^{1/} ILO has requested cable advice by 22 May 1976 in order to permit a draft Conference resolution fixing the 1976 rate of assessment for Surinam to be placed before the ILO Governing Body at its session which meets from 24 to 29 May 1976.

^{2/} In addition to its May session, it is understood that the Governing Body will also meet in June.

In the past basic statistical data has been provided to agencies requesting such information only upon the conclusion of sessions of the Committee on Contributions. This was to ensure that data made available to agencies was consistent with those used by the Committee in the formulation of the United Nations scale of assessments. In this particular instance, having regard to ILO's requirements and the unofficial nature of certain of the statistics, the approval of the data by the Committee at an early date is requested in order to allow for their transmission to ILO prior to the conclusion of the Committee's current session.

5. Finally, in a letter dated 8 March 1976 addressed by the Comptroller of UNESCO to the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions it was stated that "as the UNESCO Scale for 1977/1978 will be based on the UN scale to be adopted by the General Assembly this year, we shall look forward to receiving your Committee's report as soon as it is available. We should even appreciate receiving an advance copy which we will treat confidentially until it is released for general distribution. This would enable us to prepare, in advance of our General Conference November Session, a 'probable' scale based on your report which we can revise later should the General Assembly make any changes".