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EXPENSES OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD: ASSESSMENT OF NON-MEMBERS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SIGNATORIES OF THE CONVENTION OF
19 FEBRUARY 1925 RELATING TO NARCOTIC DRUGS
Ninth report of 1950 of the Advisory Committee
on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. In accordance with a decision taken by the Fifth Committee at its 247th meeting on 13 October 1950, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General (A/1418) on the assessment of non-members of the United Nations, signatories of the Convention of 19 February 1925 relating to narcotic drugs, for their share of the expenses of the Permanent Central Opium Board.
2. In requesting the Secretary-General to study, and make recommendations on, the above question (resolution 353 (IV) of 24 November 1949), the General Assembly directed that he should have regard not only to the total expenses incurred in connexion with the international administration of narcotic drugs, but also to other functions or powers for which non-members of the United Nations share responsibility under existing treaties.
3. The Advisory Committee takes note that, apart from the expenditure for the international administration of narcotic drugs, the Secretary-General does not recommend any further assessments on non-members of the United Nations in respect of expenses arising out of international treaties.
4. In paragraph 7 of his report (A/1418), the Secretary-General has enumerated the items (A, B, C and D) which, under his recommendation, would comprise the aggregate figure of assessable expenditure in respect of the international administration of narcotic drugs. The Advisory Committee concurs in this recommendation, as well as in the provisional recommendation in paragraph 8,

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- which relates to similar expenses incurred by the World Health Organization.
5. As regards the scale of assessment to be applied to non-members of the United Nations, the Committee considers that the method proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 10 (a) of his report is an equitable one. Under this method, the scale of assessment to be recommended by the Committee on Contributions would be applied retroactively in respect of the 1950 expenses.
 6. The Advisory Committee therefore recommends for adoption the draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General (A/1418, paragraph 12).
