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ASSESSMENT OF ROMANIA

The following communication has been addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Permanent Mission of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations and is submitted to the Committee on Contributions for consideration:

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"New York, 25 July 1958

The Mission of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to his letter of 19 May 1958 (FI 313/1(1)), has the honour to inform him of the following:

The contribution of the Romanian People's Republic for the years 1955, 1956 and 1957 was fixed at 0.5 per cent of the United Nations budget. When the scale of assessments for all Member States was revised following the admission of new Members to the United Nations, the contribution of the Romanian People's Republic for 1958 was reduced to 0.49 per cent.

At both the eleventh and the twelfth sessions of the General Assembly the Romanian representatives in the Fifth Committee drew attention to the fact that the percentage contribution of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations budget was not in keeping with the directives laid down by the General Assembly for determining the apportionment of the United Nations budget among its Member States (A/C.5/SR.537 of 29 November 1956 and A/C.5/SR.603 of 11 October 1957).

The Romanian representatives formally requested that the contribution of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations budget should be reduced; they mentioned, inter alia, the serious damage suffered by the Romanian economy during the Second World War and the difficulties experienced by the Romanian People's Republic in obtaining the currency necessary for

payment of its contribution owing to certain other States' discrimination against Romania in international trade.

With regard to national income, the average national income of the Romanian People's Republic, calculated in dollars, was approximately \$2,880 million in 1955-1957, or \$165 per capita.

In view of the foregoing, the Mission of the Romanian People's Republic believes that the assessment of 0.49 fixed as the percentage contribution of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations budget is excessive and considers that an equitable assessment in keeping with the directives laid down by the United Nations General Assembly would be 0.40 per cent.

In the light of the above considerations, the Mission of the Romanian People's Republic requests the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee on Contributions the formal request of the Romanian People's Republic that its contribution to the United Nations budget for the period to be examined by the Committee (1959-1962) should be reduced.

(Seal of the Permanent Mission of the Romanian
People's Republic to the United Nations)
