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#### REVIEW OF THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

##### Summary of Replies Received to the Secretary-General's Communication to Member States concerning Supplementary Data

1. At the eighth session of the General Assembly during the discussion of the report of the Committee on Contributions,<sup>1/</sup> it was agreed that Member States should be informed of the date of the next session of the Committee as soon as it had been fixed. As a result Member States should be able to transmit in time any relevant information which they might wish the Committee to take into consideration in preparing its recommendations for the scale of assessment to the General Assembly.
2. In compliance with this arrangement, the Secretary-General addressed a letter of 23 April 1954 to all Member States informing them of the opening date for the present session of the Committee and requesting them to make available any relevant data supplementary to that submitted through the usual statistical channels that they might wish the Committee to consider.
3. The replies received to the Secretary-General's communication are as follows:

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Date of Letter</u>	<u>Contents of Letter</u>
Australia	11 May 1954	The Australian Government did not wish to submit any data supplementary to the national income statistics for the financial year 1952/53 already transmitted. It was further stated that the figures for the financial year 1953/54 would not be available until August or September.
Belgium	9 July 1954	The Belgian Government did not wish to give any information supplementary to the statistics already made available, and has no special comments to make on the subject.

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<sup>1/</sup> See A/2577, paragraph 17, pages 7 and 8.

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Date of Letter</u>	<u>Contents of Letter</u>
Burma <sup>1/</sup>	25 June 1954	The latest available statistics on the national income of Burma were given. It was also stated that the estimates for the last financial year 1952/53 would not be confirmed until the Official National Income Document is published in August.
Chile <sup>1/</sup>	28 June 1954	National income and <u>per capita</u> income figures for the years 1949 to 1952, inclusive, expressed in national currency as well as in United States dollars, were given.
Colombia	27 April 1954	Acknowledgement of letter. No information given.
Guatemala <sup>1/</sup>	15 July 1954	Tables on the national income of Guatemala and its composition for the period 1923-53 were submitted.
Mexico	27 April 1954	Acknowledgement of letter. No information given.
New Zealand	4 June 1954	The Government of New Zealand did not wish to submit supplementary data or detailed comments for consideration by the Committee. It was stated however that the New Zealand Government would expect to share proportionately in any reduction of assessments which might result from reconsideration of the assessment of any other group of United Nations Members.
Nicaragua	28 April 1954	Acknowledgement of letter. No information given.
Pakistan	28 April 1954	Acknowledgement of letter. No information given.
Sweden <sup>1/</sup>	20 July 1954	An offprint (National Book-keeping for Sweden 1938/39 and 1946/53) from a publication issued by the Swedish Institute of Economic Research and dealing with the economic situation in Sweden in the spring of 1954 was submitted. In the offprint figures concerning the gross national product calculated in three different ways were given. It was stressed that the figures relating to the national product were gross figures since no estimates of the net national income are made.

<sup>1/</sup> The information contained in the letters received from the Governments of Burma, Chile, Guatemala and Sweden has been used by the Statistical Office as a basis for the estimates given for the four countries, respectively, in the document "Survey of National Income Estimates for 1951-1953" (A/CN.2/R.62) submitted to the Committee.

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<u>Member State</u>	<u>Date of Letter</u>	<u>Contents of Letter</u>
Union of South Africa	3 June 1954	No data supplementary to that already supplied via the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Union of South Africa could be submitted.
United States of America	28 April 1954	Acknowledgment of letter. No information given.
Yemen	27 April 1954	Acknowledgment of letter. No information given.

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