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1964 UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1691 A (XVI) OF
18 DECEMBER 1961

Communication dated 10 July 1962 from the Deputy Permanent Representative
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General of the United Nations

The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations and referring to his note No. FI 313/1/1/PP of 13 March 1962 has the honour to advise the following:

The Deputy Permanent Representative considers it necessary to draw attention to the fact that during the debate on the scale of assessment for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964, held at the sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Czechoslovak delegation stated that it did not approve the increase of the Czechoslovak contribution to the United Nations budget from 0.86 to 1.17 (i.e. by 36 per cent) since that increase was disproportionately high and unjust. The increase emanates from the errors made by the Committee on Contributions which adjusted the Czechoslovak national income in an effort to attain the comparability with the United Nations system as well as from the fact that the Committee on Contributions was not guided by the directives set up by the General Assemblies, particularly by General Assembly resolution 14/A/3/I of 13 February 1946.

The Deputy Permanent Representative requests that the Committee on Contributions take into account the above standpoint as well as the statements made in this connexion by the Czechoslovak delegation at the sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Deputy Permanent Representative cannot endorse continuation of a practice under which during the determination of national incomes only those factors, which are added, have been taken into consideration, whereas factors, which in the interest of attaining comparability should be deducted, have been ignored.

At the seventeenth session of the United Nations General Assembly the Czechoslovak delegation will strive for the change of such an unjust decision and on this occasion it will explain in detail its position towards the problem of converting the national income of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic into a national income under the United Nations system and will illustrate it both theoretically and on the basis of detailed data. The interrelation between the concept of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, which is a country with centrally planned economy, and the concept of the United Nations is so complex that it is impossible to express it in such a brief information as required in the questionnaire and its isolated interpretation might be conducive to undesirable errors. In our opinion the requirements expressed in part 1 (d) of the questionnaire cannot be met and are basically erroneous in view of the entirely different function and use of turnover tax and other centralized revenues of State in socialist countries in comparison with indirect taxes in capitalist countries.

(1) As to the first question concerning the division of economic activity included in the figures of net material product the answer is as follows:

The economic activity included in the figures of net material product is divided in the following fields:

industry

agriculture

forestry

construction

transport (freights)

communications (for productive sphere)

material and technical supply

purchase

trade and public boarding (including the volume of foreign trade)

other productive activities (various minor activities as collection of wood, fruits etc.)

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	in billions of Czechoslovak crowns		
<u>national income:</u>	1957	1958	1959
(in 1937 prices)	113.2	122.8	130.9

(2) As to the second question concerning the list of the broad categories of services which do not directly contribute to material production and which are omitted from the figures of net material product; and, the number of persons engaged in each category and the wages and salaries paid to them for each year shown the answer is the following:

	<u>Number of workers</u> (in thousands)			<u>Wage funds</u> (in billions of Czechoslovak crowns)		
	1957	1958	1959	1957	1958	1959
non-productive fields	914	918	924	13.1	13.4	13.6
transport (persons)	109	116	116	1.8	1.9	1.9
communications (for non-productive sphere)	32	34	35	0.4	0.4	0.5
science and research	74	76	76	1.4	1.4	1.4
communal services	75	76	79	0.9	1.0	1.0
housing economy	27	29	30	0.3	0.3	0.3
health and social care	169	170	166	2.2	2.3	2.3
education, culture, information and physical education	250	254	263	3.5	3.6	3.8
administration and justice	126	112	106	1.9	1.8	1.7
banking and savings system	29	29	29	0.4	0.4	0.4
social organizations	19	18	19	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to express to the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.