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ASSESSMENT OF NEW MEMBER STATES

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Since the last session of the Committee on Contributions in March 1956, the following States have been admitted to membership in the United Nations:

<u>States</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>
Morocco	12 November 1956
Tunisia	12 November 1956
Sudan	12 November 1956
Japan	18 December 1956
Ghana	8 March 1957
Malaya, Federation of	17 September 1957

2. With regard to the contribution to be paid by new Member States for the year of admission, the General Assembly decided at the second part of its first session (resolution 69 (I)) that new Members should be required to contribute to the annual budget of the year in which they are first admitted at least one third of their percentage of assessment determined for the following year applied to the budget for the year of their admission.

3. In connexion with the assessment of the sixteen States admitted to membership in the United Nations on 14 December 1955, a few days before the close of the tenth session, the Committee in its report to the General Assembly (A/3121, paras. 18-21) proposed that if the Assembly should favour some reduction in the prescribed minimum of one-third, the reduced contribution should be no less than one-ninth.

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4. The reduction to one-ninth of the percentage assessment for the contribution of the sixteen new Members for the year of admission received strong support in the Fifth Committee and was approved by the General Assembly (resolution 1087 (XI)).

5. As the six new Members have not all been admitted on the same date, it will be necessary to consider the assessment to be recommended for each State for the year of admission. Furthermore, Japan, Morocco, Tunisia and Sudan, which became Members in 1956, will have to be assessed for the year 1957.

6. Of the new Members only Japan participated in certain United Nations activities before becoming a Member, namely: the International Court of Justice, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and International Control of Narcotic Drugs. Under General Assembly resolution 970 (X) Japan would be assessed for its share of the expenses of these United Nations activities for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958.

7. In line with the decision taken last year relating to the assessment of the sixteen new Members (resolution 1087 (XI)), Japan would not be required from the year 1957 onwards to contribute separately towards the annual expenses of the activities in which it participated before becoming a Member, and for the year 1956 the contribution to such activities would be reduced by the same fraction as will be established for its 1956 contribution.
