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STATISTICS OF THE CENTRALLY PLANNED ECONOMIES

Bulgaria

The following communication has been addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions by the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations:

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"In reply to your letter FI 313/1(1)PP dated May 19, 1961, I have the honour to inform you that according to the estimates of competent state services of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the share of the so-called productive services in the national income constitutes 6%, while the share of the net material product constitutes 94% of the total national income.

"When assessing the contribution of my country, I would kindly request that you bear in mind the following:

"1. In 1958 Bulgaria was one of the few countries whose contribution was increased and this increase was relatively one of the highest in percentage.

"2. It would be appropriate to bear in mind the considerations laid down in supplement No. 10, paragraph 13 of the XIIIth Session of the General Assembly - document A-3890.

"My country which was one of the most underdeveloped countries in Europe at that time, was strongly affected by the consequences of the Second World War. So it became necessary to spend considerable sums for investments which brought about considerable difficulties in the supply of foreign currency. This necessity and these difficulties to a great extent still exist, as the Bulgarian people is determined to overcome, in a relatively short period, the consequences of its former economic backwardness.

"3. It would also be quite appropriate to take into account the considerations laid down in Supplement No. 10, paragraph 11 and 12 of the VIIIth Session of the General Assembly - Document A-2461.

"Thanks to the efforts of the Bulgarian people, during the past 15 years the economic potential of the country and the national income in particular were considerably increased. The starting point, however, was extremely low, and the per capita national income is still under \$1,000 a year. It would be an act of justice if the efforts and the sacrifices being made by one people, which until recently was extremely poor, for the overcoming of its historically inherited economic backwardness were taken into consideration and provisions be made for the lessening of its country's contributions to the United Nations in accordance with the considerations laid down in the paragraphs quoted from Document A-2461, referring to the countries with per capita national income under \$1,000 a year."

(Signed) Yordan Tchobanov
Ambassador
