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UNITED NATIONS SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

Report by the Secretary-General

1. At the eighth session of the General Assembly, it was decided in the Fifth Committee that Member States should be informed of the dates of the meetings of the Committee on Contributions as soon as they had been fixed. This arrangement was made in order to enable Governments to make available the latest estimates of national income and other relevant data in time for the Committee to take such information into account in the formulation of its recommendations to the General Assembly on the scale of assessments.
2. On 9 May 1958, the Secretary-General informed Member States that the next session of the Committee on Contributions would open in New York on 5 August and was expected to last for about two weeks. It was requested that any data relevant to the work of the Committee that Governments might wish to submit should be made available as soon as possible and at the latest by 15 July 1958.
3. A summary of the replies received from Member States is given in the following:

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Date of letter</u>	<u>Summary of letter</u>
Austria ^{1/}	25 June	Submitted national income estimates for 1955, 1956 and 1957, and information concerning special circumstances affecting the capacity to pay of Austria. For text of letter see Addendum 1.

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Date of letter</u>	<u>Summary of letter</u>
Burma ^{1/}	23 June	Submitted a copy of "National Income of Burma, 1957, and Estimates of Gross National Product and Net National Income for the year 1956-1957."
Colombia	10 July	Submitted report giving a brief account of the economic progress for 1952 to 1956 and of the present situation of Colombia. For text see Addendum 2.
Ecuador ^{1/}	30 June	Submitted National Income estimates for 1957.
Greece	3 July	Submitted National Income estimates for 1954-1956. Figures for 1957 not yet available.
Ireland ^{1/}	16 July	Submitted National Income estimates for 1955, 1956 and 1957.
Japan ^{1/}	15 July	Submitted memorandum on the national income of Japan and other relevant data. For text see Addendum 3.
Netherlands	28 July	Referring to the memorandum submitted to the Committee at its session in October 1957 renews its appeal for a downward change of the Netherlands assessment. For text see Addendum 4.
Philippines ^{1/}	15 July	Submitted the Statistical Reporter Vol. II. No. 2, April 1958 containing the latest estimates of the national income of the Philippines.
Romania	25 July	Submitted an estimate of the average national income of Romania for 1955-1957. Referring to the statements made at the eleventh session of the General Assembly, formally requests a reduction in the assessment for Romania. For text see Addendum 5.

^{1/} The national income estimates submitted have been used by the United Nations Statistical Office in the preparation of the estimates given for the Governments concerned in the document "Survey of National Income Estimates for 1955-1957" (A/CN.2/R.121).

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Union of South Africa	17 July	Referring to the appeals previously made for a reduction in the assessment of the Union Government, requests consideration of its case with a view to the adjustment of the percentage assessment for the Union of South Africa. For text see Addendum 6.
Venezuela	15 July	Unable to submit data as the necessary calculations not yet completed.
Cuba	16 May	} Acknowledgements.
El Salvador	23 May	
Finland	22 May	
Israel	21 May	
Lebanon	18 June	
Luxembourg	23 May	
New Zealand	12 June	
Nicaragua	24 June	
Mexico	20 May	
Spain	21 May	
United States	21 May	
Thailand	11 July	
