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The following communication, dated 14 March 1967, addressed by the Permanent Mission of India to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, is submitted to the Committee on Contributions for consideration:

"The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to Section III, paragraph 17 of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/6310), has the honour to forward herewith four statements 1/ containing statistical data on the following items in connexion with the Triennial Review of the scale of assessments:

- (1) Exchange rate and India's foreign exchange reserves - Statement I.
- (2) Estimated population - Statement II.
- (3) National income by industrial origin - Statement III.
- (4) Net National output at 1948-1949 prices - Statement IV.

"The national income estimates for 1965-1966 at the current prices are not yet available but are expected to be more or less of the same order as those of 1964-1965.

"The Permanent Mission of India would be grateful if the Committee on Contributions is requested to give due consideration inter alia to the following factors while assessing India's share of contribution to the United Nations budget for the years 1968-1970:

- "(i) India's difficult foreign exchange position;
- "(ii) the fact that India had been receiving assistance from friendly countries and international institutions such as the World Bank to meet her foreign exchange difficulties;

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1/ The statistics submitted were referred to the Statistical Office of the United Nations and the statistical data was taken into account in the compilation of the national income statistics for India contained in document A/CN.2/R.234.

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"(iii) India's willingness to assist in the financing of various special United Nations undertakings and operations; and

"(iv) the prevailing low national income.

"The Permanent Mission of India avails itself of this opportunity, etc."

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