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COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
BUDGET AND OF ADVANCES TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Report by the Secretary-General

1. A statement showing as at 31 July 1955 the status of: (1) advances by Member States to the Working Capital Fund, (2) contributions for the financial year 1955, and (3) arrear contributions for the financial years 1952, 1953 and 1954 is annexed. The contributions for the years prior to 1952 have been paid in full.

Working Capital Fund

2. The Working Capital Fund, which is mainly used to finance the expenses of the Organization pending the receipt of contributions, was again for the year 1955 fixed by the General Assembly at \$21,500,000 (resolution 892 (IX)). Out of that amount \$1,500,000 had previously been transferred from surplus accounts for earlier years and \$20,000,000 had been derived from cash advances by Member States. As the cash advances by Members shall be established on the basis of the scale of assessments for contributions to the annual budget, the changes in the 1955 scale as compared with the 1954 scale resulted in increases in the advances of nine Members and reductions in those of fifteen Members. As at 31 July 1955, the increases totalling \$346,000 had been paid except for an amount of \$4,000, which was received early in August. The credits resulting from the reductions in advances were set-off against the 1955 contributions.

Annual Contributions

3. A summary of contributions due and received as at 31 July 1955 for the financial years 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 and giving the percentage collection for each year and the corresponding percentages on 31 July 1954 will be found on page 6 of the Annex.

4. As previously reported to the Committee, the major part of the annual contributions are for fiscal or budgetary reasons paid after 1 July. Consequently, withdrawals from the Working Capital Fund are particularly heavy during the first six months of the year. In view of the relationship between the amount at which the Working Capital Fund has to be maintained and the dates of payments of contributions, Member States have been urged to examine the possibility of remitting their contributions during the first half of the year. The percentage collection of the annual contributions as at 30 June for each of the years 1950 to 1955 is given below:

	<u>Percentage Collection of the Annual Contribution</u>
As at 30 June 1950	27.42
As at 30 June 1951	21.25
As at 30 June 1952	22.57
As at 30 June 1953	25.12
As at 30 June 1954	23.81
As at 30 June 1955	30.35

Article 19 of the Charter

5. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee on Contributions shall "consider and report to the General Assembly on the action to be taken if the Members fall into default with their contributions" and in this connexion shall "advise the Assembly in regard to the application of Article 19 of the Charter", which provides as follows:

"A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

6. Consequently, in 1955 a Member State would be in arrears within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter if its arrears for previous years equalled or exceeded the contributions due for 1953 and 1954, while the contributions for 1955 would not be considered to be in arrears until 1 January 1956.^{1/}
7. At the present time one Member State, Bolivia, is in arrears within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter, since its 1953 and 1954 contributions as well as part of the 1952 contribution remain unpaid. If necessary, a separate report on this matter will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.
8. As the report of the Committee on Contributions to the General Assembly in previous years has shown the percentage collection of contributions as at 15 August, a supplementary statement as at that date will also be distributed.

^{1/} See also Financial Regulation 5.4, which provides: "Contributions and advances shall be considered as due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General referred to in regulation 5.3 above, or as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate, whichever is the later. As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such contributions and advances shall be considered to be one year in arrears."

ANNEX I

STATEMENT ON THE COLLECTION OF
 CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 31 JULY 1955

I. ADVANCES BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1955
 INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF BALANCE OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR 1950
 (\$1,239,203.00) and 1951 (\$260,797.00)

(Cash advances apportioned on the basis of the 1955 scale of assessments)

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Total Advances for 1955</u>	<u>Credit re Transfer of Surpluses for 1950 and 1951</u>	<u>Cash Advances Received</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Afghanistan	17,200.00	1,200.00	16,000.00	-
Argentina	287,856.65	23,856.65	264,000.00	-
Australia	386,497.85	26,497.85	360,000.00	-
Belgium	296,302.16	20,302.16	276,000.00	-
Bolivia	10,900.00	900.00	10,000.00	-
Brazil	287,856.65	23,856.65	264,000.00	-
Burma	28,197.84	2,197.84	26,000.00	-
Byelorussian SSR	111,334.72	5,334.72	106,000.00	-
Canada	776,119.60	50,119.60	726,000.00	-
Chile	65,197.84	5,197.84	60,000.00	-
China	1,209,910.95	85,910.95	1,124,000.00	-
Colombia	87,497.84	5,497.84	82,000.00	-
Costa Rica	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Cuba	64,976.08	4,976.08	60,000.00	-
Czechoslovakia	203,750.00	15,750.00	188,000.00	-
Denmark	159,823.92	11,823.92	148,000.00	-
Dominican Republic	10,750.00	750.00	10,000.00	-
Ecuador	8,723.92	723.92	8,000.00	-
Egypt	88,739.20	8,739.20	80,000.00	-
El Salvador	12,750.00	750.00	12,000.00	-
Ethiopia	25,500.00	1,500.00	20,000.00	4,000.00
France	1,266,250.00	86,250.00	1,180,000.00	-
Greece	44,726.08	2,726.08	42,000.00	-
Guatemala	14,900.00	900.00	14,000.00	-
Haiti	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Honduras	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Iceland	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
India (a)	712,741.37	52,741.37	660,000.00	-
Indonesia	121,000.00	9,000.00	112,000.00	-
Iran	55,817.44	5,817.44	50,000.00	-
Iraq	24,047.84	2,047.84	22,000.00	-
Israel	36,550.00	2,550.00	34,000.00	-
Lebanon	10,873.92	873.92	10,000.00	-
Liberia	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Luxembourg	12,750.00	750.00	12,000.00	-
Mexico	169,880.40	9,880.40	160,000.00	-

I. ADVANCES BY MEMBER STATES TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1955
 INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF BALANCE OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR 1950
 (\$1,239,203.00) and 1951 (\$260,797.00)(continued)

(Cash advances apportioned on the basis of the 1955 scale of assessments)
 (continued)

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Total Advances for 1955</u>	<u>Credit re Transfer of Surpluses for 1950 and 1951</u>	<u>Cash Advances Received</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Netherlands	268,997.84	18,997.84	250,000.00	-
New Zealand	103,447.84	7,447.84	96,000.00	-
Nicaragua	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Norway	107,500.00	7,500.00	100,000.00	-
Pakistan (a)	145,850.00	11,850.00	134,000.00	-
Panama	10,750.00	750.00	10,000.00	-
Paraguay	8,600.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Peru	38,947.84	2,947.84	36,000.00	-
Philippines	94,610.80	4,610.80	90,000.00	-
Poland	366,973.75	20,973.75	346,000.00	-
Saudi Arabia	15,173.92	1,173.92	14,000.00	-
Sweden	343,741.36	25,741.36	318,000.00	-
Syria	17,323.92	1,323.92	16,000.00	-
Thailand	39,071.76	3,071.76	36,000.00	-
Turkey	140,989.20	10,989.20	130,000.00	-
Ukrainian SSR	420,360.63	20,360.63	400,000.00	-
Union of South Africa	169,317.44	13,317.44	156,000.00	-
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	3,170,087.37	154,087.37	3,016,000.00	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,927,721.93	157,721.93	1,770,000.00	-
United States of America	7,214,857.81	548,857.81	6,666,000.00	-
Uruguay	38,700.00	2,700.00	36,000.00	-
Venezuela	92,878.24	4,878.24	88,000.00	-
Yemen	8,500.00	600.00	8,000.00	-
Yugoslavia	94,476.08	6,476.08	88,000.00	-
	<u>21,500,000.00</u>	<u>1,500,000.00</u>	<u>19,996,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>

(a) An advance of \$790,000 was made in 1946 by undivided India to the Working Capital Fund. After division, the advances to be made by India and Pakistan separately were \$650,000 and \$140,000 respectively. The question whether India should receive credit for the total advance of \$790,000 or whether India and Pakistan should share proportionately is the subject of consultations between the two Governments. In the meantime the sum of \$140,000 is held in suspense.

II. 1955 CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY MEMBER STATES

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Total Amount of Contribution</u>	<u>Credit re- Transfer of League of Nations Assets</u>	<u>Cash Receipts and Other Credits (b)</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Afghanistan	31,712.00	471.00	31,241.00	-
Argentina	523,218.00	23,892.00	16,000.00	483,356.00
Australia	713,520.00	31,650.00	335,935.00	345,935.00
Belgium	547,032.00	17,604.00	514,630.50	14,797.50
Bolivia	19,820.00	1,839.00	2,000.00	15,981.00
Brazil	523,248.00	-	523,248.00	-
Burma	51,532.00	-	25,766.00	25,766.00
Byelorussian SSR	210,092.00	-	96,269.00	113,823.00
Canada	1,438,932.00	41,716.00	166,000.00	1,231,216.00
Chile	118,920.00	6,984.00	6,000.00	105,936.00
China	2,227,768.00	26,563.00	-	2,201,205.00
Colombia	162,524.00	-	162,524.00	-
Costa Rica	15,856.00	-	15,856.00	-
Cuba	118,920.00	5,909.00	8,000.00	105,011.00
Czechoslovakia	372,616.00	25,575.00	153,210.00	193,831.00
Denmark	293,336.00	12,204.00	281,132.00	-
Dominican Republic	19,820.00	725.00	19,095.00	-
Ecuador	15,856.00	214.00	4,455.12	11,186.88
Egypt	158,560.00	4,203.00	14,000.00	140,357.00
El Salvador	23,784.00	683.00	-	23,101.00
Ethiopia	47,568.00	-	-	47,568.00
France	2,338,760.00	78,009.00	1,955,850.50	304,900.50
Greece	83,244.00	6,748.00	-	76,496.00
Guatemala	27,748.00	438.00	-	27,310.00
Haiti	15,856.00	1,164.00	14,692.00	-
Honduras	15,856.00	278.00	-	15,578.00
Iceland	15,856.00	-	15,856.00	-
India	1,308,120.00	62,022.00	211,100.00	1,034,998.00
Indonesia	221,984.00	-	8,000.00	213,984.00
Iran	99,100.00	3,762.00	6,000.00	89,338.00
Iraq	43,604.00	1,755.00	41,849.00	-
Israel	67,388.00	-	-	67,388.00
Lebanon	19,820.00	-	-	19,820.00
Liberia	15,856.00	-	15,856.00	-
Luxembourg	23,784.00	1,272.00	15,916.00	6,596.00
Mexico	317,120.00	4,123.00	312,997.00	-
Netherlands	495,500.00	22,855.00	376,997.80	95,647.20
New Zealand	190,272.00	10,425.00	163,968.00	15,879.00
Nicaragua	15,856.00	155.00	-	15,701.00
Norway	198,200.00	9,934.00	188,266.00	-

II. 1955 CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY MEMBER STATES
 (continued)

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Total Amount of Contribution</u>	<u>Credit re Transfer of League of Nations Assets</u>	<u>Cash Receipts and Other Credits (b)</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Pakistan	265,588.00	-	49,495.00	216,093.00
Panama	19,820.00	1,379.00	18,441.00	-
Paraguay	15,856.00	-	-	15,856.00
Peru	71,352.00	2,212.00	-	69,140.00
Philippines	178,380.00	-	-	178,380.00
Poland	685,772.00	29,005.00	189,200.00	467,567.00
Saudi Arabia	27,748.00	-	27,748.00	-
Sweden	630,276.00	23,332.00	535,719.85	71,224.15
Syria	31,712.00	-	-	31,712.00
Thailand	71,352.00	8,194.00	63,158.00	-
Turkey	257,660.00	5,849.00	227,286.31	24,524.69
Ukrainian SSR	792,800.00	-	267,439.00	525,361.00
Union of South Africa	309,192.00	19,703.00	289,489.00	-
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	5,977,712.00	14,855.00	2,723,470.36	3,239,386.64
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3,508,140.00	115,136.00	3,303,199.00	89,805.00
United States of America	13,212,012.00	-	13,212,012.00	-
Uruguay	71,352.00	4,913.00	-	66,439.00
Venezuela	174,416.00	3,438.00	170,978.00	-
Yemen	15,856.00	-	-	15,856.00
Yugoslavia	174,416.00	18,278.00	101,441.00	54,697.00
	<u>39,640,000.00</u>	<u>649,465.00</u>	<u>26,881,786.44</u>	<u>12,108,747.56</u>

(b) Other credits: Representing credits resulting from adjustments in the cash advances to the Working Capital Fund (\$346,000.00).

III. ARREAR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY MEMBER STATES FOR 1952, 1953 AND 1954

1954 Contributions

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Total Amount of Contribution</u>	<u>Credit re Transfer of League of Nations Assets</u>	<u>Cash Receipts and Other Credits</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Bolivia	24,780.00	1,839.00	-	22,941.00
China	2,321,060.00	26,563.00	-	2,294,497.00
Cuba	140,420.00	5,909.00	33,346.52	101,164.48
El Salvador	24,780.00	683.00	20,369.00	3,728.00
India	1,404,200.00	62,022.00	1,312,168.00	30,010.00
Iran	115,640.00	3,762.00	94,878.00	17,000.00
Nicaragua	16,520.00	155.00	14,807.40	1,557.60
Pakistan	309,750.00	-	144,404.00	165,346.00
Paraguay	16,520.00	-	-	16,520.00
Peru	74,340.00	2,212.00	-	72,128.00
Philippines	185,850.00	-	86,925.00	98,925.00
Uruguay	74,340.00	4,913.00	-	69,427.00
	<u>4,708,200.00</u>	<u>108,058.00</u>	<u>1,706,897.92</u>	<u>2,893,244.00</u>

1953 Contributions

Bolivia	26,520.00	1,839.00	-	24,681.00
China	2,484,040.00	26,563.00	1,462,320.34	995,156.66
Uruguay	79,560.00	4,913.00	49,183.83	25,463.17
	<u>2,590,120.00</u>	<u>33,315.00</u>	<u>1,511,504.17</u>	<u>1,045,300.83</u>

1952 Contributions

Bolivia	25,764.00	1,839.00	4,003.00	19,922.00
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IV. SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS DUE AND RECEIVED AS AT 31 JULY 1955

	<u>Total Amount Assessed</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Per Cent Paid</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
	Figures in U.S. Dollars			
Working Capital Fund	21,500,000.00	21,496,000.00	99.98 (c)	4,000.00
1952 Contributions	42,940,000.00	42,920,078.00	99.95 (d)	19,922.00
1953 Contributions	44,200,000.00	43,154,699.17	97.64 (e)	1,045,300.83
1954 Contributions	41,300,000.00	38,406,755.92	92.99 (f)	2,893,244.08
1955 Contributions	39,640,000.00	27,531,252.44	69.45 (g)	12,108,747.56

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- (c) Corresponding figure on 31 July 1954: 97.78 per cent.
 - (d) Corresponding figure on 31 July 1954: 100.00 per cent.
 - (e) Corresponding figure on 31 July 1954: 97.25 per cent.
 - (f) Corresponding figure on 31 July 1954: 93.42 per cent.
 - (g) Corresponding figure on 31 July 1954: 59.86 per cent.