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ASSESSMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY RESULTING FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council on 15 December 1955 adopted a resolution relating to the admission of the Federal Republic of Germany to membership in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECOSOC resolution 594 (XX)), which provides inter alia as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council

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Decides to amend paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe to include the Federal Republic of Germany as a member of the Commission, provided that this State applied for membership and agrees to contribute annually such equitable amounts as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time in accordance with procedures established by the General Assembly in similar cases."

- 2. The Federal Republic of Germany having complied with the provisions of ECOSOG resolution 594 (XX) became a member of the Economic Commission for Europe as of 21 February 1956. Consequently, the Federal Republic of Germany will have to be assessed for its contribution toward the expenses of the Commission.
- 3. As the Federal Republic of Germany participates in other United Nations activities, a rate, namely 4.61 per cent, has been established for its contribution toward the 1956, 1957 and 1958 expenses of such activities (resolution 970 (X), paragraph 4).

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4. In connexion with the assessment of the Federal Republic of Germany for 1956, attention is called to the Committee's recommendations in respect of the States which under ECOSOC resolution 517 (XVII) became eligible for membership in the Economic Commission for Europe. This recommendation, which was approved by the General Assembly (resolution 970 (X), paragraph 6), provided that if the States mentioned should become members before the next review of assessments they should be called upon to contribute an amount calculated as from the quarter at which membership becomes effective on the basis of the rates established for these States.