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ASSESSMENT OF NON-MEMBER STATES

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. At its 2169th plenary meeting on 16 November 1973, the General Assembly approved, without objection, a recommendation by the Fifth Committee 1/ that "the States non-members of the United Nations to be invited to participate in the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea be invited to give consideration to contributing to the expenses of the Conference on the basis of the rates determined for this purpose by the General Assembly".
2. Invitations to participate in the Conference were transmitted to all Member and non-member States immediately thereafter. One non-member State, the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, stated, in effect, that it considered itself unable to participate in the Conference in view of the fact that no invitation had been sent to the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam. 2/ Because of the need to transmit the invitation to all States in time for the organizational session of the Conference on 3 December 1973, the request to consider a contribution to the expenses of the Conference was not covered in that initial letter. It was, however, covered in a letter dated 25 April 1974 addressed to all States participants which are not members of the United Nations. A copy of that letter (which is attached to the present document) was transmitted to the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam for information.
3. The Committee on Contributions has already established rates of assessment for the 1974-1976 triennium for Bangladesh, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Holy See, Liechtenstein, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Viet-Nam, San Marino and Switzerland. It will also be recommending a rate for

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the Republic of Guinea-Bissau in connexion with its membership in UNCTAD. In the event that Nauru, Tonga and Western Samoa accept the invitation to contribute to the expenses of the Conference, the Committee may also wish to recommend rates of assessment for these non-member States.

Letter dated 25 April 1974 addressed to non-member States
by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for
the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

I am directed by the Secretary-General to recall that, in pursuance of paragraph 4 of resolution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973, the second session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea will be convened at Caracas from 20 June to 29 August 1974.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if your Government could inform him as soon as possible, and not later than 17 May 1974, of the composition of your Government's delegation to this session. Provision of this information by 17 May is necessary in order to facilitate the practical arrangements being made by the Government of Venezuela in connexion with the holding of the Conference in Caracas.

I am also directed by the Secretary-General to bring to your attention the fact that, in adopting resolution 3067 (XXVIII), the General Assembly decided that the States non-members of the United Nations invited to participate in the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea be invited to give consideration to contributing to the expenses of the Conference on the basis of the rates determined for this purpose by the General Assembly.

(Signed) Constantin A. STAVROPOULOS
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