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DISCUSSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS' REPORT
IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At the request of the General Assembly (resolution 2472 B (XXIII)), the Committee on Contributions, at its 1969 session, made a detailed review of "the criteria it now uses in establishing the scale of assessments, and also of its terms of reference, in the light of the debates on the subject at the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly" and of the opinions which Member States had expressed in writing to the Committee.
2. Annex 1 of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the subject^{1/} contains the Committee's terms of reference.
3. The discussion of the report of the Committee on Contributions in the Fifth Committee at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly is summarized in the report of the Fifth Committee (A/7816), which in paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 sets out the following conclusion:

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/7611 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

"CONCLUSION

"14. In the course of the Fifth Committee's debate it became evident that the divergent views held by members of the Committee on Contributions, as expressed in its report, were also reflected in the statements of delegations. It also became evident that at this time no general agreement could be reached on revision of any of the criteria or guidelines used by the Committee on Contributions for the establishment of the scale. In the course of the discussions a number of textual proposals for inclusion in the Fifth Committee's report were submitted by various delegations. These delegations made it clear, however, that they did not wish to press their various proposals to a vote.

"15. In conclusion, the Fifth Committee decided to take note of the report of the Committee on Contributions and to express its appreciation for the comprehensive and informative nature of the report. The Fifth Committee also recommended that the Committee on Contributions should take into due consideration the debate which had been held on this item during the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, continue its studies related to the establishment of the scale of assessments and report on this, as appropriate. In order that the Committee on Contributions might be fully cognizant of all the views and proposals presented during the debate, the Fifth Committee decided that the summary records of the discussion as well as the texts of the proposals submitted by certain delegations (A/C.5/L.994, 995, 997, 998 and 999) should be made available to the Committee on Contributions at its next session in connexion with the general review of the scale of assessments.

"16. In connexion with the use of the terms 'criteria' and 'guidelines' for the establishment of the scale of assessments in paragraph 14 above, the Fifth Committee noted that it should not be construed to imply any new limitation on the exercise by the Committee on Contributions of its discretion and judgement."

4. The report of the Fifth Committee (A/7816) and the documents referred to in paragraph 15 quoted above are attached to the present report.
