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COMMUNICATION FROM CHINA

The following communication dated 18 March 1976 received from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations to the Secretary-General and to the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions is submitted to the Committee:

"I am now instructed by my Government to inform you that China's rate of assessment in the period of 1977-1979 will still be maintained at 5.5 per cent."

In connexion with the assessment of China, it might be noted that at the 1498th meeting of the Fifth Committee, held on 9 October 1972, the representative of China stated as follows:

"It was true that the rate of assessment for China was lower than that for some other Member States, but that was because China was still a developing country with a relatively backward economy and a relatively low national income. Thanks to the development of its national economy, however, China intended to raise its rate of assessment gradually to 7 per cent during the coming five years."

At the time the foregoing statement was made, the rate of assessment for China was 4 per cent. For the 1974-1976 triennium it was increased to 5.5 per cent.
