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REPRESENTATION BY POLAND

Addendum

Reproduced below for the consideration of the Committee is the text of a communication dated 15 June 1981 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Polish People's Republic to the United Nations to the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions:

"In connection with the forthcoming session of the Committee on Contributions, the Government of the Polish People's Republic would like, once again, to draw your attention, as well as that of the members of the Committee, to new, additional facts which are of essential importance for the calculation of Poland's contribution to the United Nations, both with respect to the current scale of assessment for 1980-1982 as well as for the preparation of a new, revised scale in 1982.

"As you are aware, the Government of Poland, for a number of years (see letters of the Permanent Representatives of my country to you of 28 May 1976, 7 April 1977, 6 March 1978, 18 May and 18 June 1979) has questioned the rate of exchange used to convert Poland's national income data expressed in zlotych into dollars for the purpose of establishing the United Nations scale of assessments. Thus, this matter is well known to the members of the Committee on Contributions and, I believe, there is no need to present it again.

"The Committee on Contributions during last review of the scale of assessments in June 1979 partially accepted my country's claims and, for the years 1976 and 1977, applied the co-efficient Zl 33.20 for \$US 1.00 for the purpose of conversion from zlotych into dollars of Poland's national income.

"Poland appreciated the effort made by the Committee on Contributions to meet our claims. In view of the very complex and difficult situation which prevailed in 1979, we expressed in the General Assembly our qualified acceptance of that solution on the condition that at the next review of the

scale of assessments, the Committee on Contributions would apply as from 1972, and not only for the years 1976-1977, the correct co-efficient for calculating Poland's national income for the purpose of the United Nations assessment. Moreover, questions are being raised in Poland as to the correctness of the methods of calculating the national income and of its present level. The relevant national institutions are currently engaged in detailed examination of those issues with a view to establishing the correct level of our national income. In due time we will inform the Committee on Contributions of the results and conclusions of these endeavours.

"I would like, at this juncture, to restate our requests and to express our conviction that the Committee on Contributions will accede to them as soon as possible and will do justice to the long-standing and justified requests of Poland.

"The Government of the People's Poland would also like to draw the attention of the Committee on Contributions to the present phenomena of the socio-economic situation of my country which have prevailed for the last three years and resulted in a lower capacity of Poland to pay.

"For the third successive year, Poland's national income has fallen. At the same time, the foreign debt of my country - which reached the figure of almost \$27 billion - constitutes a very serious problem. Servicing this debt - which will reach its highest point this year as well as during the next few years - absorbs Poland's foreign earnings. At present, Poland is experiencing considerable difficulties in meeting its financial obligations towards foreign creditors. Our balance of payment difficulties have been exacerbated further by the world-wide increases in the prices of energy and commodities and by unfavourable terms of trade.

"Furthermore, the last year was exceptionally bad for Polish agriculture: a disastrously bad harvest - which, as a matter of fact was the second such harvest in a row - weighed heavily on the over-all economic situation and the capacity to pay of my country. At the request of the Committee on Contributions we will be able in due time to supply statistical data to substantiate our case.

"The Government of the Polish People's Republic has already undertaken a number of important economic reforms and intends to follow them up, which temporarily may result in further aggravation of cash shortages.

"Recently, the Polish Parliament and Polish public opinion have been especially sensitive to the question of equity and justification of the financial burdens of my country, among others to the expenditures related to Poland's participation in international organizations. Furthermore, the question of equitable and justified calculation of Poland's assessment, i.e., the co-efficient used to express our statistical data in dollar terms and the drastic limitation of our capacity to pay became issues of broad interest to the public at large.

"On behalf of my Government, I would like to express the conviction that

the Committee on Contributions, under your able chairmanship, will accede fully to our repeated requests and will also take into consideration our current socio-economic situation, which adversely affected the level of Poland's national income and its capacity to pay."

In an aide-memoire sent to the United Nations Statistical Office, the Government of Poland has requested the secretariat of the Committee on Contributions "to submit to the Committee two versions of the dollar equivalent of the Polish national income based on the rate of 33.20 zlotych - one starting from the year 1972, and the second one starting from the year 1976 - in order to enable the Committee to formulate its position in this question".

In response to this request, two sets of data on national income and related statistics with respect to Poland have been prepared by the United Nations Statistical Office and annexed to the present document for the information of the Committee.

Annex

NATIONAL INCOME DATA AND RELATED STATISTICS

Poland

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
National income (thousand millions of zlotych)	764.4	823.1	937.8	1,055.0	1,184.1	1,335.6	1,476.3	1,727.8	1,881.4	2,100.00	2,162.9	2,155.6
Exchange rate (zlotych per US dollar)	24.00	24.00	23.95	22.08	20.27	19.92	19.92	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20
National income (millions of US dollars)	31,850	34,296	39,157	47,781	58,416	67,048	74,111	52,042	56,669	63,253	65,148	64,928
Population (thousands)	32,355	32,530	32,800	33,070	33,360	33,690	34,020	34,360	34,700	35,010	35,260	35,580
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Exchange rate (zlotych per US dollar)	24.00	24.00	23.95	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20	33.20
National income (millions of US dollars)	31,850	34,296	39,157	31,777	35,666	40,229	44,467	52,042	56,669	63,253	65,148	64,928

Using Zl 33.20/\$US 1.00 from 1972-1980

Using Zl 33.20/\$US 1.00 from 1976-1980

National income (millions of US dollars)
 (average 1971-1980) 49,334 58,855

Per capita income (US dollars)
 (average 1971-1980) 1,443 1,721