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ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, BELARUS, GEORGIA, KAZAKHSTAN,
KYRGYZSTAN, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,
RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN,
UKRAINE AND UZBEKISTAN

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The Permanent Missions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations present their compliments to the Committee on Contributions and have the honour to present to the members of the Committee the shared views of the 14 countries, to be taken into account during the consideration of appeals for a review of their current assessment rates, which do not correspond to their capacity to pay.

In the conversion of national income in local currency into United States dollars, the uniform use of exchange rates from the International Monetary Fund, in accordance with the provision in paragraph (3) (b) (i) of General Assembly resolution 46/221 B, is necessary in order to calculate assessment rates that reflect more adequately the capacity to pay of the 14 countries.

The 14 countries wish to bring to the attention of the Committee on Contributions the facts that the statistical data for 1980-1989 provided to the United Nations overstate economic performance and that the 1990-1991 data available to the United Nations show a sharp economic downturn.

With regard to improvements in assessment methodology, the 14 countries avail themselves of this opportunity to emphasize to the Committee that the

application of the scheme of limits and of the 10-year length of the statistical base period prevents the proper determination of their assessment rates in accordance with the principle of capacity to pay.

The Permanent Missions of the 14 States express the hope that the Committee will take the above considerations into account.
