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Note by the Secretary-General

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1. The General Assembly, at its 662nd plenary meeting held on 27 February 1957, approved the recommendation of the Fifth Committee (A/3549, para. 48) that consideration of the following two questions should be postponed until its twelfth session, with the understanding that they would be considered at the beginning of that session:

(a) The assessment of the States admitted to membership in the United Nations at the eleventh session of the General Assembly;

(b) The scale of assessments for 1958.

2. The discussion in the Fifth Committee at the eleventh session of the Assembly, which resulted in the recommendation to postpone consideration of the two questions mentioned above, is summarized in its report (A/3549) on item 46 of the agenda (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United

Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions). As will be seen from paragraphs 44 and 45 of that report, the procedure envisaged was that the Fifth Committee would take up the question of the scale of assessments early in the twelfth session and decide upon the directives to be given to the Committee on Contributions. The latter Committee would then meet and report to the Assembly in the course of the session. It will be appreciated that, in order for this procedure to be followed, this question will have to be one of the first on the agenda of the Fifth Committee at the twelfth session.

3. The States admitted to membership in the United Nations at the eleventh session of the General Assembly and the dates of admission are as follows: Morocco, Tunisia and Sudan (12 November 1956), Japan (18 December 1956), and Ghana (8 March 1957).