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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

8 May 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to advise that the Secretary-General has submitted the financial statements of the United Nations and also statements relating to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for Economic Development of Under-developed Countries. All statements are with respect to the financial year ended 31 December 1955. These statements have been examined and certified by the Board of Auditors and are now transmitted to the General Assembly.

In accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly, I have the honour to present the reports of the Board of Auditors with respect to the 1955 accounts.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*(Signed) Lars BREIE*  
*On behalf of the Board of Auditors*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**PART I.**

**UNITED NATIONS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955**





## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955

1. I submit herein my financial report, accompanied by the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1955 and the report of the Board of Auditors.

### Budgetary position

2. Appropriations for the financial year 1955 were revised by the General Assembly to a level of \$50,228,000 (resolution 978 (X) ). As shown in statement I, obligations incurred amounted to \$50,089,808, leaving an unobligated balance of \$138,192. Receipts from miscellaneous income exceeded the budgeted amount for this purpose by a sum of \$365,051. Thus, during 1955, income credited for the financial year represented by Members' contributions and miscellaneous income, \$50,593,051, exceeded the total of obligations incurred by a sum of \$503,243 (statement II).

3. The balance on surplus account at 31 December 1955 was \$1,006,058. Of this amount, \$449,750 was credited to Members' contributions for 1956 and \$556,308 is the balance available for credit to Members against 1957 contributions. These two amounts are made up as follows:

	\$
Credited against 1956 contributions:	
Savings effected in 1955 in liquidating prior year's obligations.....	221,028
Balance of surplus for 1954.....	228,722
	449,750
Available for credit against 1957 contributions:	
Savings on 1955 appropriations.....	138,192
Excess of miscellaneous income credited for 1955 over the approved estimate....	365,051
Savings in 1955 in liquidating prior year's obligations, \$274,093 less \$221,028 applied against 1956 contributions.....	53,065
	556,308

### Income

4. The amount credited as income from Members' contributions for 1955, \$43,395,400, consists of \$40,131,200 assessed in 1955 in respect of the original appropriations (less estimated miscellaneous income), and \$3,264,200 on account of the supplementary appropriations, provision for which is included in the assessments for 1956. A statement of the basis of assessments for 1955 and details of the assessments against each Member State are given in schedule A.

5. Miscellaneous income totalled \$7,197,651, and thus exceeded the approved estimate of \$6,832,600 by \$365,051. Details of miscellaneous income compared with the approved estimates are as follows:

	Approved estimate \$	Actual income \$
Assessment on salaries and allowances of staff.....	4,212,400	4,335,869
Rental income (space charges).....	301,000	339,247
Reimbursement for staff and services furnished to specialized agencies and others.....	395,200	452,819
Sale of Official Records and publications.....	310,000	330,668
Revenue from film distribution.....	30,000	19,862
Income from investments and other interest.....	151,100	182,849
Sale of used office, transportation and other equipment.....	37,400	62,609
Refund of prior years' expenditures.....	151,000	202,902
Payments against special sale of furniture, etc., in 1947.....	38,000	—
Contributions of non-member States.....	111,500	269,371
Revenue from sales of United Nations postage stamps.....	450,000	518,810
Visitors' Service.....	545,000	362,665
United Nations Gift Centre.....	60,000	92,212
Miscellaneous.....	40,000	27,768
	6,832,600	7,197,651

6. Increases over the estimates were recorded in respect of the majority of items. The increase of \$123,469 in respect of assessments on staff salaries and allowances is in a large measure a reflection of the additional payroll costs provided under the supplementary estimates. Other substantial increases were recorded on: revenue from sales of United Nations postage stamps (\$68,810) which more than offsets a shortfall in 1954; reimbursement for staff and services furnished (\$57,619); on contributions of non-member States (\$157,871), where the excess in the main represents contributions to the expenses of the regional economic commissions from States which commenced their participation (under Economic and Social Council resolution 517 (XVII) ) subsequent to the time when the estimates were prepared; and on refunds of prior years' expenditures (\$51,902).

The main shortfall in income occurred in the Visitors' Service, where the revenue was some \$182,000 less than the estimate. This was mainly the result of the delay of two months in taking over the Service, and is accordingly in part offset by a compensating reduction in the related budgetary expenditures. Furthermore, however, the net operating revenues for the first three months of the year, prior to the arranged date of transfer to United Nations management, were approximately \$40,000 less than for the corresponding period in 1954. No revenue accrued in 1955 in respect of the special sale of furniture in 1947, in consequence of the fact that a final settlement was made in advance of due dates, in 1954, with a corresponding excess of income over the estimates in that year.

### Budget appropriations and obligations incurred

7. The budget appropriations for 1955, totalling \$50,228,000 as revised under General Assembly resolution 978 (X), were subsequently modified by transfers between sections amounting to \$188,300 as follows:

	<i>Increase</i> \$	<i>Decrease</i> \$
(a) In accordance with authorization granted in paragraph 3 (a) (iii) of resolution 890 (IX)		
<i>Section</i>		
24. Official Records.....		53,300
25. Publications.....	53,300	
	<hr/> 53,300	<hr/> 53,300
(b) In accordance with authorization granted in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 890 (IX), with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.		
<i>Section</i>		
1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees....		16,000
4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees..		15,000
5. Special missions and related activities.....		27,000
5a. United Nations Field Service.....		5,000
6. Offices of the Secretary-General.....		5,000
8. Department of Economic and Social Affairs.....	15,000	
9. Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.....		10,000
10. Department of Public Information.....		4,000
10a. Visitors' Service.....		20,000
11. Department of Conference Services.....	7,000	
12. Office of General Services.....	4,500	
13. Temporary assistance and consultants.....	12,000	
14. Travel of staff.....		21,000
15. Common staff costs.....	44,000	
16. Common services.....	41,000	
18. European Office of the United Nations.....		3,000
19. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....		4,000
20. Information centres.....	7,500	
21. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.....		5,000
25. Publications.....	4,000	
	<hr/> 135,000	<hr/> 135,000

Obligations incurred during 1955 totalled \$50,089,808, of which \$3,621,863 was unliquidated as at 31 December 1955. Savings on the appropriations amounted to \$138,192.

8. Details of the appropriations by sections as modified, the related obligations incurred and the unobligated balances which represent savings on the appropriations, are shown in statement I. The obligations incurred in 1955, together with comparative figures for 1954, are broadly summarized as follows:

	1955		1954	
	Amount \$	Per cent	Amount \$	Per cent
Salaries, wages and other staff costs.....	33,226,068	66.33	32,714,179	67.44
Travel and transportation.....	3,581,395	7.15	3,273,965	6.75
Printing.....	1,842,896	3.68	1,439,365	2.97
Rental and maintenance of premises.....	2,565,534	5.12	2,558,813	5.27
Technical programmes.....	1,779,600	3.55	1,779,600	3.67
Acquisition of capital assets.....	2,649,466	5.29	2,171,665	4.48
Other charges.....	3,850,386	7.69	4,014,766	8.27
	<u>49,495,345</u>	<u>98.81</u>	<u>47,952,353</u>	<u>98.85</u>
International Court of Justice.....	594,463	1.19	557,656	1.15
	<u>50,089,808</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>48,510,009</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The amount shown for travel and transportation comprises the following major categories:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
Travel of representatives and delegates.....	641,518	548,681
Travel and subsistence of observers.....	311,671	356,409
Travel and subsistence of staff assigned to investigations and inquiries, meetings of various official bodies and other travel on official business.....	1,093,305	829,790
Travel on appointment, transfer and repatriation.....	394,803	319,113
Travel on home leave.....	858,747	997,719
Local transportation costs (including hire and other charges for aircraft used on missions).....	281,351	222,253
	<u>3,581,395</u>	<u>3,273,965</u>

In the financial report for the year ended 31 December 1954 the total for travel and transportation was shown as \$1,928,334. In view of the revised budget account grouping in 1955, it was necessary, for comparative purposes, to add to this amount \$319,113 for travel on appointment, transfer and repatriation, \$997,719 for travel on home leave, both originally reported for 1954 as common staff costs, and \$28,799 for other travel, thus increasing the total for 1954 to \$3,273,965. The increase in 1955, \$307,430, is mainly a result of the San Francisco meeting of the General Assembly, \$78,876, and the convening of the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, \$161,397.

Further details of the obligations incurred under the various parts of the appropriations for 1955 will be found in the following paragraphs, together with comparative figures for 1954 and explanatory comments on matters of interest. In this connexion, it is also to be noted that in certain other cases the 1954 figures have been rearranged so as to conform to the basis of the 1955 estimates and thus provide properly comparable amounts in cases where the form of presentation in 1955 was changed from 1954.

9. *Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees:* \$1,008,513.

The total obligations incurred under this heading in 1955 exceeded by some \$120,000 the comparable charges in 1954. While costs attributed to the General Assembly, its Commissions and Committees showed a reduction of \$20,000, charges generally increased in the other sections. The main increases related to (a) the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission, where the additional charges of \$30,000 resulted from the extended length of the session; (b) costs of meetings of the regional economic commissions showed an increase of \$57,000, due to the fact that the Economic Commissions for Latin America and for Asia and the Far East held full meetings away from their headquarters in 1955, whereas in 1954 no full meeting of the Economic Commission for Latin America was held; and (c) charges related to Trusteeship missions showed an increase of \$24,000, due to the necessity to provide in 1955 for two Visiting Missions, to Togoland and to the Cameroons, as compared with one Visiting Mission in 1954 to East Africa.

10. *Part II. Special missions and related activities: \$2,224,727.*

The costs for 1955 with comparative figures for 1954 are summarized below:

	<i>Salaries and wages \$</i>	<i>Travel and transport \$</i>	<i>Other \$</i>	<i>1955 Total \$</i>	<i>1954 Total \$</i>
United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine and United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.....	132,417	389,271	177,751	699,439	690,500
United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.....	18,214	75,740	37,303	131,257	168,134
Korean service medals.....	—	—	139,336	139,336	152,518
United Nations Representative in India and Pakistan and United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan.....	52,231	326,407	69,486	448,124	529,023
United Nations Tribunal in Libya.....	70,197	21,293	2,392	93,882	113,416
United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.....	28,235	70,497	26,556	125,288	175,526
Repatriation of Greek children.....	4,100	4,100	—	8,200	6,700
United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa and Committee on the Treatment of People of Indian Origin in the Union of South Africa.....	5,841	16,694	1,731	24,266	24,289 <sup>a</sup>
Secretary-General's mission in implementation of General Assembly resolution 906 (IX).....	3,757	29,011	4,843	37,611	—
United Nations Military Observers in Greece...	—	—	—	—	42,787
United Nations Tribunal in Eritrea.....	—	—	—	—	14,137
United Nations Commission for Indonesia.....	—	—	—	—	3,150
	<u>314,992</u>	<u>933,013</u>	<u>459,398</u>	<u>1,707,403</u>	<u>1,920,180</u>
Field Service.....	346,015	90,377	80,932	517,324	605,117
	<u>661,007</u>	<u>1,023,390</u>	<u>540,330</u>	<u>2,224,727</u>	<u>2,525,297</u>

<sup>a</sup> The 1954 total includes the Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa only.

11. *Part III. Headquarters, New York: \$30,282,265.*

The obligations incurred under this heading are set out in the following table under the related objects of expenditure, together with the comparative figures for the preceding year:

	<i>1955 \$</i>	<i>1954 \$</i>
<i>Salaries, wages, etc.</i> .....	19,693,872	19,567,877
<i>Other direct departmental charges</i>		
Radio services.....	335,269	342,102
Motion picture supplies and services.....	175,375	179,317
Other charges.....	133,008	139,750
	<u>643,652</u>	<u>661,169</u>
<i>Travel</i>		
On official business.....	86,512	97,479
On appointment, transfer and repatriation.....	251,014	207,594
On home leave.....	672,578	837,873
	<u>1,010,104</u>	<u>1,142,946</u>
<i>Common staff costs</i>		
Pension and retirement costs.....	1,993,451	2,014,538
Installation and separation costs.....	673,741	793,377
Other common staff costs.....	2,232,321	2,247,628
Training and welfare.....	99,537	69,694
	<u>4,999,050</u>	<u>5,125,237</u>

	1955 \$	1954 \$
<i>Common services</i>		
Communications and freight.....	509,008	516,439
Rental and maintenance of premises.....	2,227,947	2,243,835
Stationery and supplies.....	330,288	299,202
Rental and maintenance of equipment.....	536,736	509,430
Other charges.....	162,253	179,014
	<u>3,766,232</u>	<u>3,747,920</u>
<i>Permanent equipment</i>		
Furniture and office equipment.....	122,825	109,416
Other equipment and library books.....	46,530	65,174
	<u>169,355</u>	<u>174,590</u>
<i>Improvements to premises.....</i>	—	565,000
	<u>30,282,265</u>	<u>30,984,739</u>

Common staff costs include the following items:

<i>Installation and separation costs</i>		
Separation payments.....	355,300	501,867
Repatriation grants.....	107,961	97,231
Removal of household goods.....	158,913	148,649
Other charges.....	51,567	45,630
	<u>673,741</u>	<u>793,377</u>
<i>Other common staff costs</i>		
Children's allowances, education grants, etc.....	467,103	462,321
Contributions, medical and other social insurance.....	102,154	108,440
Reimbursement for national income taxation.....	1,630,000	1,650,000
Other charges.....	33,064	26,867
	<u>2,232,321</u>	<u>2,247,628</u>

The obligations incurred in respect of separation payments exclude payments made to terminated staff members under awards made by the Administrative Tribunal which, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 888 (IX), are chargeable to the Special Indemnity Fund. The charges to this Fund during 1955 and its position at the end of the year were as follows:

	\$
Amount transferred to the Fund out of Staff Assessment Income.....	250,000
Payments charged in 1955 in connexion with awards made to thirteen terminated staff members.....	175,017
	<u>74,983</u>

12. *Part IV. European Office for the United Nations: \$5,682,038.*

These charges are summarized as follows:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
<i>Direct costs</i>		
European Office.....	2,590,079	2,335,492
Information Services.....	99,644	98,522
Permanent Central Opium Board secretariat.....	67,721	57,668
Economic Commission for Europe.....	941,903	937,188
Narcotic Drugs Division.....	65,778	—
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....	569,963	585,772
	<u>4,335,088</u>	<u>4,014,642</u>
<i>Common costs</i>		
Common staff costs.....	794,489	697,627
Common services.....	413,615	453,139
Permanent equipment.....	138,846	139,287
	<u>5,682,038</u>	<u>5,304,695</u>

The amount of \$649,844 shown in statement I, section 19 (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) consists of direct staff costs of \$569,963 as shown above, plus branch office costs of \$79,881 which have been included under "Common costs" in the above tabulation.

In addition to the charges as summarized above, expenditures were incurred during 1955 against certain special funds and grants, totalling \$40,071. The major expenditures of this nature related to Rockefeller Foundation grants, \$5,557 (mainly for scholarships in the economic field); Ford Foundation grants, \$18,692, and the Humanitarian Fund \$3,608 (both in the refugee field); and the Library Endowment Fund \$10,122 (for library purposes).

Expenditures by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees under the Refugee Fund are reported by him directly to the General Assembly.

13. *Part V. Information centres: \$893,162.*

The total obligations incurred at the various centres, together with comparative figures for 1954, were as follows:

<i>Location of centre</i>	<i>1955</i> \$	<i>1954</i> \$
Athens.....	20,449	17,014
Belgrade.....	27,397	24,645
Bogotá.....	21,834	10,654
Buenos Aires.....	38,055	37,754
Cairo.....	59,205	55,691
Copenhagen.....	53,148	45,446
Karachi.....	31,069	31,090
London.....	98,274	103,319
Mexico City.....	66,547	57,071
Monrovia.....	30,926	30,840
Moscow.....	72,757	73,972
New Delhi.....	49,072	44,255
Paris.....	89,631	88,155
Prague.....	36,992	32,350
Rio de Janeiro.....	55,541	41,734
Shanghai (including Djakarta and Manila).....	68,588	60,695
Sydney.....	25,474	27,391
Teheran.....	9,151	8,645
Washington, D.C. ....	39,052	62,257
	893,162	852,978

In addition, the direct expenditures of the Geneva centre, amounting to \$99,644 for 1955, are included in part IV, as set out in paragraph 12 on page 7.

14. *Part VI. Secretariats of the regional economic commissions: \$2,078,332.*

The amount stated above covers the Economic Commissions for Asia and the Far East and for Latin America; expenditures for the Economic Commission for Europe, \$941,903, (exclusive of common staff costs, charges for common services, etc., which are not separately stated) are included under the Geneva Office in part IV. On this basis, charges in respect of the three existing Commissions are summarized as follows:

	<i>Asia and the Far East</i> \$	<i>Latin America</i> \$	<i>Europe</i> \$
Salaries and wages.....	805,592	664,712	916,948
Travel.....	93,894	84,285	24,955
	899,486	748,997	941,903
Common staff costs.....	146,808	113,939	a
Communications.....	15,141	17,394	a
Other expenses.....	41,589	56,563	a
Permanent equipment.....	10,700	27,715	a
	1,113,724	964,608	941,903

<sup>a</sup> Included in undistributed charges of the European Office.

15. *Part VIII. Contractual printing: \$1,374,934.*

The obligations incurred under the two main categories were as follows:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
Official Records.....	612,696	643,770
Publications.....	762,238	795,595
	<u>1,374,934</u>	<u>1,439,365</u>

In addition, contractual printing costs amounting to \$460,429 in respect of the official records of the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, are included in part XIII.

16. *Part IX. Technical programmes: \$1,779,600.*

The appropriations made under the four sections of part IX have been dealt with as grants-in-aid to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. For the year 1955, this part includes the provision of \$386,700 for administrative expenses shown in the previous year under part III, section 9. The total of \$1,779,600 appears as a part of the available funds credited for the programme executed by the United Nations, as shown in the separate statements presented in connexion with operations under the Expanded Programme in part II of the present report.

17. *Part X. Special expenses: \$2,649,466.*

For 1954 these expenses totalled \$2,149,466. The additional amount of \$500,000 in 1955 represents the increase from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 of the provision for the amortization of the Headquarters Construction Loan in accordance with the agreed schedule for repayment.

As at 31 December 1955, Member States' equities acquired in United Nations capital assets amounted to \$12,270,334, as reflected in the statement of assets and liabilities (statement III), an increase of \$2,649,466 as compared with the figures as at 31 December 1954.

	<i>As at</i> 31 December 1954 \$	<i>Charges</i> <i>under part X</i> <i>in 1955</i> \$	<i>As at</i> 31 December 1955 \$
<i>General Fund:</i>			
Equity in the assets transferred from the League of Nations.....	2,597,868	649,466	3,247,334
Equity in land and structures, Mogadiscio.....	23,000	—	23,000
<i>Permanent Headquarters Construction Account, equity in property:</i>			
Amortization of loan.....	5,000,000	2,000,000	7,000,000
Additional construction costs.....	2,000,000	—	2,000,000
	<u>9,620,868</u>	<u>2,649,466</u>	<u>12,270,334</u>

18. *Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee: \$112,625.*

This is a new part, established in order to segregate these charges, which in previous years were included in part III covering expenditures for Headquarters, New York. Under article XXVII of the regulations of the Fund, as amended by the General Assembly (resolution 772 (VIII)), administrative expenses incurred by the Board are to be charged to the Fund as from 1 January 1955, while expenses incurred by the Staff Pension Committee of a member organization are to be charged to the general budget of that organization. Because, however, the Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee are serviced by a single secretariat, the related expenditures are necessarily combined; accordingly, an amount of \$85,189, representing the share of these expenditures chargeable to the Fund, is included as miscellaneous income.

Details of the expenditures under this part are as follows:

Salaries and wages—secretariat.....	\$ 58,591
Consultants (mainly for actuarial and investment services).....	33,714
Common staff costs.....	8,034
Travel of members and staff.....	12,286
	<u>112,625</u>

19. *Part XII. The International Court of Justice: \$594,463.*

The obligations incurred, as certified by the Court, are detailed as follows:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
Salaries and allowances of members of the Court.....	305,450	290,457
Travelling expenses of members of the Court.....	15,605	15,174
Travelling expenses and allowances of Judges <i>ad hoc</i> .....	8,019	2,417
Miscellaneous expenses.....	1,000	185
Pensions for members of the Court.....	24,981	13,750
Salaries and wages of the Registry.....	157,086	148,668
Travelling expenses of the Registry.....	4,745	6,888
Other staff expenses.....	23,092	23,034
Common services.....	51,041	51,498
Permanent equipment.....	3,444	5,585
	<u>594,463</u>	<u>557,656</u>

20. *Part XIII. International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: \$1,346,913.*

This is a new part of the budget, set up to cover expenditures relating to the Conference held in Geneva during 1955 and associated activities. These charges are summarized as follows:

	\$
Advisory Committee: travel, etc., expenses.....	14,514
Conference staff costs.....	273,912
Servicing staff costs.....	173,151
Public information costs.....	44,416
Contractual printing.....	460,429
Contractual and other translation services.....	230,263
Alterations to premises in Geneva.....	57,853
Other expenses.....	92,375
	<u>1,346,913</u>

Additional costs to be incurred in 1956 are estimated at some \$960,000, principally for completing the translation and publication of the records of the Conference.

21. *Ex gratia payments.*

In accordance with the requirements of financial regulation 10.3, the following *ex gratia* payments charged against 1955 budgetary appropriations are reported:

	\$
Indemnity payments made to five separated staff members employed under fixed-term contracts.....	13,330
Indemnity payment made upon separation of a disabled staff member.....	7,867
Indemnity payment to a staff member employed under a temporary-indefinite contract as if under a permanent appointment.....	2,377
Compassionate payments to two separated staff members.....	2,250
Repatriation of a staff member's mother.....	269
Compassionate payment to widow of deceased local employee in India.....	130
Compromise settlement with travel agent concerning disputed claim.....	113
Hospitalization costs of a local employee in Liberia.....	45
Travel expenses for wife of injured chauffeur.....	19
	<u>26,400</u>

**Cash and investments**

22. Cash balances and investments (all short-term) of the General and Working Capital Funds at 31 December 1955 totalled \$16,040,853. Cash and investments in the Permanent Headquarters Construction Account amounted to \$444,480, and in trust or special accounts, \$72,945,887. Details of this latter group of accounts will be found in paragraph 27 on page 12 and in statement III on pages 22 and 23.



## Members' contributions, and advances to the Working Capital Fund

23. The position of the accounts for contributions at 31 December 1955 was as follows:

	<i>For 1955</i>	<i>For 1954</i>	<i>For 1953</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Assessed .....	39,640,000	41,300,000	44,200,000
Collected .....	35,895,813	38,945,504	44,149,915
	3,744,187	2,354,496	50,085
Balance receivable .....			
Percentage collected .....	90.55	94.30	99.89

The percentages collected as at 31 December 1955 compare with relative percentages a year ago of 90.77, 95.07 and 99.83 respectively, thus showing a slightly less favourable collection record for the year 1955. The total contributions outstanding at the end of 1955, \$6,148,768, showed a slight increase as compared with the outstanding amount at the end of 1954. Advances to the Working Capital Fund were fully paid as of 31 December 1955.

For the year 1955 it was possible to provide for payment of 34.35 per cent of contributions in currencies other than US dollars, as compared with 30.70 per cent in the preceding year.

### Capital assets

24. Property in Geneva consists of the Secretariat Building, Assembly Hall, Library Building and villas, transferred from the League of Nations, valued at \$11,054,540, and the extensions to the buildings completed during the year 1953 at a cost of \$1,033,765, making the total amount \$12,088,305. The cost of these extensions, financed by the Swiss Government and the World Health Organization, is included in the figure for "Donated funds", which appears on the liabilities side of statement III, in the amount of \$11,946,311.

The land for the permanent Headquarters site in New York, which was given to the Organization, is carried at a valuation of \$9,600,000 and the equivalent amount included also under donated funds. The construction costs to date for the buildings on the site and related costs are carried, pending completion, in the Permanent Headquarters Construction Account, a separate section of the statement of assets and liabilities, and are dealt with in paragraph 25 of the present report.

The land and structures in Mogadiscio were acquired, at a cost of \$23,000, for the use of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

The source of funds for the capital assets as now shown in the accounts of the General Fund may be summarized as follows:

	\$	\$
Donated funds:		
Library Building, Geneva .....	1,312,546	
Extension of the Secretariat Building, Geneva .....	1,033,765	
Land for the permanent Headquarters, New York .....	9,600,000	11,946,311
Members' equity in land and structures in Mogadiscio, acquired against budget appropriations .....		23,000
Credits to Members arising from transfer of the League of Nations assets:		
Members' equity established as a result of liquidation by budget appropriations .....	3,247,334	
Deferred, to be liquidated 1956-1965 .....	6,494,660	9,741,994
		21,711,305
		21,711,305

### Construction of the permanent Headquarters

5. The construction accounts of the permanent Headquarters show net construction obligations incurred to 1 December 1955 in the amount of \$66,634,639, as detailed in schedule C. These expenditures have been financed to \$65,000,000 from the loan in that amount made available by the United States of America, and the balance, 1,634,639, from the appropriations totalling \$2,000,000 made by the General Assembly and from donated funds totalling \$102,577. Thus, the balance remaining available was \$467,938. In accordance with the provisions of resolution 969 (X) no further commitments are to be made against the permanent Headquarters construction account after 31 August 1956, and consequently it is expected that as soon as practicable after that date the account will be closed out.

## Working Capital Fund

26. In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 892 (IX) the Working Capital Fund was maintained for 1955 at the amount of \$21,500,000, of which \$20,000,000 was derived from cash advances by Member States, and \$1,500,000 from transfers from surplus account. Details of the credits established for each Member State are given in schedule G.

As at 31 December 1955, advances outstanding for various approved purposes aggregated \$10,621,032. Available balances totalled \$10,878,968 represented by cash, short-term investments and accrued interest.

The use of the Fund for making advances in the course of the financial year is illustrated by the following table, which shows the amounts outstanding at the end of each quarter during the year, compared with the previous year.

Purpose of advances:	<i>1 January</i> \$	<i>31 March</i> \$	<i>30 June</i> \$	<i>30 September</i> \$	<i>31 December</i> \$
Budgetary expenditures . . . . .	6,116,049	12,103,446	15,115,777	5,912,354	10,334,942
Unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures . . . . .	—	63,346	271,050	951,184	—
Loans to specialized agencies, etc. . . . .	5,185	5,185	5,185	5,185	5,185
Other . . . . .	256,188	358,838	357,181	388,020	280,905
Totals—1955	<u>6,377,422</u>	<u>12,530,815</u>	<u>15,749,193</u>	<u>7,256,743</u>	<u>10,621,032</u>
Totals—1954	<u>5,938,289</u>	<u>13,016,321</u>	<u>15,543,569</u>	<u>5,343,126</u>	<u>6,377,422</u>

## Trust funds and special accounts

27. The net assets under this heading total \$73,534,411 and are summarized below:

Trust funds and special accounts:	<i>Cash and receivables (less current liabilities)</i> \$	<i>Investments</i> \$	<i>Total</i> \$
Library Endowment Fund (schedule H) . . . . .	32,857	586,695	619,552
Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (schedule J) . . . . .	5,031,963	12,508,966	17,540,929
Amounts held in respect of activities separately reported:			
Joint Staff Pension Fund . . . . .	291,860	53,792,486	54,084,346
United Nations Technical Assistance account . . . . .	1,237,888	—	1,237,888
Technical Assistance Board secretariat account . . . . .	35,239	—	35,239
Other funds:			
Administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	16,457	—	16,457
	<u>6,646,264</u>	<u>66,888,147</u>	<u>73,534,411</u>

Investments are carried at cost prices, adjusted where appropriate for amortization of discount or premiums over the life of each security.

During 1955 the assets of the International Press House Fund, which had been held in an interim custodianship since its transfer from the League of Nations, were disposed of by transfer in equal shares to the United Nations Correspondents' Association in New York and the Geneva Association of United Nations Correspondents.

Cash in two banks and all investments of the United Nations Children's Fund were previously included in these statements, but are now reported only in the financial report and accounts of UNICEF.

28. The accounting submitted in schedule J in respect of the Special Account for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance shows funds on hand at the close of the year totalling \$17,540,929, which consists of the following elements:

Working Capital and Reserve Fund . . . . .	\$ 9,000,000
Funds allocated and apportioned to participating organizations but not yet drawn by them . . . . .	6,904,296
Contributions and other funds received but not yet allocated or apportioned to the participating organizations . . . . .	1,594,991
Advance payments on 1956 local costs . . . . .	41,642
	<u>17,540,929</u>

29. It is to be noted that schedule J in no sense constitutes an operational statement of the Programme, but is essentially a statement of the disposition of contributions and other income received in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of Economic and Social Council resolution 222 (IX). However, the General Assembly will receive in a separate submission, as in preceding years, a consolidated financial report on the operations of the participating organizations under the programme, pursuant to the requirements of resolution 519 A (VI). The accounts of the United Nations as a participating organization, together with the accounts for the Technical Assistance Board secretariat expenditures, are separately presented as part II of the present report, together with a separate financial report and report by the Board of Auditors.

30. In conclusion, attention is invited also to the fact that, in accordance with the practice adopted in preceding years, the financial statements presented herewith do not include the accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, or the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. In conformity with the related resolutions of the General Assembly, separate reports will be presented to the Assembly covering the accounts of these organizations.

(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD  
*Secretary-General*



**ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955**

**Statement of 1955 budget appropriations, obligat**

*Appropriation  
section*

*Purpose of appropriation*

*Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees*

- 1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees.....
- 2. The Security Council, Commissions and Committees.....
- 3. The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees.....
- 3a. Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body.....
- 3b. Regional Economic Commissions.....
- 4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees.....

TOTAL, Pa

*Part II. Special missions and related activities*

- 5. Special missions and related activities.....
- 5a. United Nations Field Service.....

TOTAL, Par

*Part III. Headquarters, New York*

- 6. Offices of the Secretary-General.....
- 6a. Office of Under-Secretaries without Department.....
- 7. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs.....
- 7a. Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee.....
- 8. Department of Economic and Social Affairs.....
- 9. Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.....
- 10. Department of Public Information.....
- 10a. Visitors' Service.....
- 11. Department of Conference Services.....
- 11a. Library.....
- 12. Office of General Services.....
- 13. Temporary assistance and consultants.....
- 14. Travel of staff.....
- 15. Common staff costs.....
- 16. Common services.....
- 17. Permanent equipment.....

TOTAL, Part

*Part IV. European Office of the United Nations*

- 18. European Office of the United Nations.....
- 19. High Commissioner for Refugees.....

TOTAL, Par

*Part V. Information centres*

- 20. Information centres (other than the information services of the European Office).....

Pa

*Part VI. Secretariats of the Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Euro.*

- 21. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.....
- 22. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America.....

TOTAL, Par

## Incurred and unobligated balances of appropriations

Appropriated by the General Assembly <sup>1</sup> \$	Obligations incurred			Unobligated balances of appropriations \$
	Liquidated by disbursements \$	Unliquidated \$	Total \$	
574,000	492,213	81,503	573,716	284
89,000	88,645	—	88,645	355
150,000	109,472	36,116	145,588	4,412
27,200	24,469	201	24,670	2,530
104,200	101,812	—	101,812	2,388
76,000	61,693	12,389	74,082	1,918
<u>1,020,400</u>	<u>878,304</u>	<u>130,209</u>	<u>1,008,513</u>	<u>11,887</u>
1,709,000	1,575,605	131,798	1,707,403	1,597
518,000	506,474	10,850	517,324	676
<u>2,227,000</u>	<u>2,082,079</u>	<u>142,648</u>	<u>2,224,727</u>	<u>2,273</u>
2,120,000	2,115,213	229	2,115,442	4,558
90,000	88,758	—	88,758	1,242
625,000	621,999	—	621,999	3,001
114,000	112,871	—	112,871	1,129
3,525,000	3,519,679	—	3,519,679	5,321
825,000	818,626	—	818,626	6,374
2,530,000	2,399,471	129,629	2,529,100	900
200,000	191,770	2,929	194,699	5,301
6,231,600	6,225,301	1,054	6,226,355	5,245
482,000	474,079	5,766	479,845	2,155
3,135,500	3,134,346	966	3,135,312	188
502,000	490,230	4,609	494,839	7,161
1,011,000	844,202	165,901	1,010,103	897
4,999,400	3,333,821	1,665,229	4,999,050	350
3,767,000	3,446,026	320,206	3,766,232	768
172,000	145,602	23,753	169,355	2,645
<u>30,329,500</u>	<u>27,961,994</u>	<u>2,320,271</u>	<u>30,282,265</u>	<u>47,235</u>
5,042,000	4,906,991	125,203	5,032,194	9,806
650,000	633,334	16,510	649,844	156
<u>5,692,000</u>	<u>5,540,325</u>	<u>141,713</u>	<u>5,682,038</u>	<u>9,962</u>
893,500	871,945	21,217	893,162	338
<u>893,500</u>	<u>871,945</u>	<u>21,217</u>	<u>893,162</u>	<u>338</u>
1,115,000	1,079,263	34,461	1,113,724	1,276
966,000	950,708	13,900	964,608	1,392
<u>2,081,000</u>	<u>2,029,971</u>	<u>48,361</u>	<u>2,078,332</u>	<u>2,668</u>

*Appropriation  
section*

*Purpose of appropriation  
Part VII. Hospitality*

23. Hospitality.....  
23a. Special payments under Annex I, paragraph 2 of the staff regulations.....

TOTAL, Part VII

*Part VIII. Contractual printing*

24. Official records.....  
25. Publications.....

TOTAL, Part VIII

*Part IX. Technical programmes*

26. Technical Assistance Administration.....  
27. Economic development ..  
28. Social activities.....  
29. Public administration.....

TOTAL, Part IX

*Part X. Special expenses*

30. Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations.....  
31. Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan.....

TOTAL, Part X

*Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee*

32. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee.....

TOTAL, Part XI

*Part XII. The International Court of Justice*

33. The International Court of Justice.....

TOTAL, Part XII

*Part XIII. International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy*

34. International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.....

TOTAL, Part XIII

GRAND TOTAL

<sup>1</sup> Appropriations by the General Assembly under resolution 890 (IX) adopted on 17 December 1954 and revised under resolution 978 (X) adopted on 16 December 1955, subsequently modified by transfers between appropriation sections totalling \$135,000 made with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; and \$53,300 authorized by the Secretary-General under paragraph 3 (a) (iii) of resolution 890 (IX).

Certified correct  
(Signed) B. R. TURNER  
Controller

A U D I T

The above statement of budget appropriations, obligations incurred and unobligated balances of appropriations we have required, and we certify, as a result of the audit, that, in our opinion, the above statement is correct.



STATEMENT I  
(continued)

Appropriated by the General Assembly <sup>1</sup> \$	Obligations incurred			Unobligated balances of appropriations \$
	Liquidated by disbursements \$	Unliquidated \$	Total \$	
20,000	18,634	969	19,603	397
50,000	43,167	—	43,167	6,833
<u>70,000</u>	<u>61,801</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>62,770</u>	<u>7,230</u>
612,700	331,588	281,108	612,696	4
762,300	500,386	261,852	762,238	62
<u>1,375,000</u>	<u>831,974</u>	<u>542,960</u>	<u>1,374,934</u>	<u>66</u>
386,700	386,700	—	386,700	—
479,400	479,400	—	479,400	—
768,500	768,500	—	768,500	—
145,000	145,000	—	145,000	—
<u>1,779,600</u>	<u>1,779,600</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,779,600</u>	<u>—</u>
649,500	649,466	—	649,466	34
2,000,000	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	—
<u>2,649,500</u>	<u>2,649,466</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,649,466</u>	<u>34</u>
114,000	105,574	7,051	112,625	1,375
<u>114,000</u>	<u>105,574</u>	<u>7,051</u>	<u>112,625</u>	<u>1,375</u>
596,500	594,463	—	594,463	2,037
<u>596,500</u>	<u>594,463</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>594,463</u>	<u>2,037</u>
1,400,000	1,080,449	266,464	1,346,913	53,087
1,400,000	1,080,449	266,464	1,346,913	53,087
<u>50,228,000</u>	<u>46,467,945</u>	<u>3,621,863</u>	<u>50,089,808</u>	<u>138,192</u>

Approved  
(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD  
Secretary-General

CERTIFICATE

has been examined in accordance with our directions. We have obtained all the information and explanations that

(Signed) Watson SELLAR, Canada  
Luis ACEVEDO RODRÍGUEZ, Colombia  
Lars BREIE, Norway

**Statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account for the year ended  
31 December 1955**

	\$	\$
Income:		
Members' contributions:		
As originally assessed for 1955 (schedule A) . . . . .	40,131,200	
Assessable in connexion with 1955 supplementary appropriations . . . . .	3,264,200	43,395,400
Miscellaneous income:		
Assessments on salaries and allowances of staff . . . . .	4,335,869	
Rental income (space charges) . . . . .	339,247	
Reimbursement for staff and services furnished to specialized agencies and others . . . . .	452,819	
Sale of Official Records and publications . . . . .	330,668	
Revenue from film distribution . . . . .	19,862	
Income from investments and other interest . . . . .	182,849	
Sale of used office, transportation and other equipment, etc . . . . .	62,609	
Refund of prior years' expenditures . . . . .	202,902	
Contributions of non-member States . . . . .	269,371	
Revenue from sales of United Nations stamps . . . . .	518,810	
Visitors' Service . . . . .	362,665	
United Nations Gift Centre . . . . .	92,212	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	27,768	7,197,651
		50,593,051
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Obligations incurred, per statement of 1955 budget appropriations, etc . . . . .		50,089,808
Excess of income over obligations incurred carried to Surplus Account.		503,243
	<i>Surplus Account</i>	
Balance as at 1 January 1955 . . . . .		1,421,792
<i>Less:</i>		
Amount applied as credits to Members' contributions in 1955 . . . . .		1,193,070
		228,722
<i>Add:</i>		
Savings effected in liquidating prior year's obligations . . . . .		274,093
Excess of income over obligations incurred for year ended 31 December 1955		503,243
Balance as at 31 December 1955 . . . . .		1,006,058

Certified correct

(Signed) B. R. TURNER  
Controller

Approved

(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD  
Secretary-General

**AUDIT CERTIFICATE**

The above statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account has been examined in accordance with our directions. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and we certify as a result of the audit, that, in our opinion, the above statement is correct.

(Signed) Watson SELLAR, *Canada*

Luis ACEVEDO RODRÍGUEZ, *Colombia*

Lars BREIE, *Norway*

**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1955 follows overleaf**

**Statement of assets and liabilities**

	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<i>General Fund</i>		
Cash at banks and on hand .....		5,216,812
Contributions receivable from Members (schedule A) .....		6,148,768
Contributions assessable against Members in connexion with 1955 supplementary appropriations .....		3,264,200
Accounts receivable, advances, deposits, etc. ....		1,096,074
Capital assets:		
Secretariat building and Assembly Hall, Library building and villas, Geneva .....	12,088,305	
Land for permanent Headquarters site, New York .....	9,600,000	
Land and structures, Mogadiscio .....	23,000	21,711,305
		37,437,159
 <i>Permanent Headquarters Construction Account</i>		
Cash at banks .....		45,513
Investments (schedule D) .....		398,967
Due from General Fund .....		52,480
Preliminary and construction expenditures (schedule C) .....		66,634,639
		67,131,599
 <i>Working Capital Fund</i>		
Cash at banks .....		2,952,971
Investments (schedule D) .....		7,871,070
Interest accrued .....		54,927
Advances to General Fund to finance budgetary expenditures .....	10,334,942	
Advances to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions (schedule E) ..	5,185	
Advances to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities (schedule F) .....	280,905	10,621,032
		21,500,000
 <i>Trust Funds and Special Accounts</i>		
Cash at banks and on hand .....		6,057,740
Investments .....		66,888,147
Accounts receivable, accrued interest, etc. ....		587,122
Due from General Fund .....		1,401
		73,534,411

Certified correct  
 (Signed) B. R. TURNER  
 Controller

AUDIT

The above statement of assets and liabilities has been examined in accordance with our directions. We have in our opinion, the above statement is correct.

as at 31 December 1955

	\$	\$
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Unliquidated obligations.....		3,621,863
Sundry credit balances.....		709,110
Due to Working Capital Fund.....		10,334,942
Due to other funds.....		53,881
Deferred credits to Members as a result of transfer of assets from the League of Nations (schedule B).....	6,494,660	
Members' equity in the assets transferred from the League of Nations as a result of liquidation of credits.....	3,247,334	
Members' equity in land and structures, Mogadiscio.....	23,000	
Donated funds.....	11,946,311	21,711,305
Surplus per statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account..		1,006,058
		<u>37,437,159</u>
Accounts payable to contractors, suppliers and others.....		29,022
Donated funds for special projects.....		102,577
Loan from the Government of the United States of America under the agreement dated 11 August 1948.....	65,000,000	
<i>Less</i> : amortization payments.....	7,000,000	58,000,000
Members' equity in property:		
Amortization payments on loan from the United States Government....	7,000,000	
Appropriations made for additional construction costs.....	2,000,000	9,000,000
		<u>67,131,599</u>
Principal of Fund (schedule G):		
Advances assessed on Members.....	20,000,000	
Transferred from surplus account.....	1,500,000	21,500,000
		<u>21,500,000</u>
Trust funds and special accounts:		
Library Endowment Fund (schedule H).....	619,552	
Special Account for Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (schedule J).....	17,540,929	18,160,481
Amounts held in respect of activities separately reported:		
Joint Staff Pension Fund.....	54,084,346	
United Nations Technical Assistance account.....	1,237,888	
Technical Assistance Board secretariat account.....	35,239	55,357,473
Other special accounts.....		16,457
		<u>73,534,411</u>

Approved

(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD  
Secretary-General

## C E R T I F I C A T E

obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and we certify, as a result of the audit, that,

(Signed) Watson SELLAR, *Canada*  
Luis ACEVEDO RODRÍGUEZ, *Colombia*  
Lars BREIE, *Norway*

## SCHEDULE A

## Contributions receivable from Members as at 31 December 1955

	1955 assessments			Assessments		Total balances due \$
	Assessments <sup>a</sup> \$	Collections \$	Balance due \$	1954	1953	
				Balance due \$	Balance due \$	
Afghanistan.....	31,712	31,712	—	—	—	—
Argentina.....	523,248	39,892	483,356	—	—	483,356
Australia.....	713,520	713,520	—	—	—	—
Belgium.....	547,032	547,032	—	—	—	—
Bolivia.....	19,820	3,839	15,981	22,941	24,622	63,544
Brazil.....	523,248	523,248	—	—	—	—
Burma.....	51,532	51,532	—	—	—	—
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	210,092	210,092	—	—	—	—
Canada.....	1,438,932	1,438,932	—	—	—	—
Chile.....	118,920	12,984	105,936	—	—	105,936
China.....	2,227,768	26,563	2,201,205	2,190,000	—	4,391,205
Colombia.....	162,524	162,524	—	—	—	—
Costa Rica.....	15,856	15,856	—	—	—	—
Cuba.....	118,920	17,756	101,164	—	—	101,164
Czechoslovakia.....	372,616	275,700	96,916	—	—	96,916
Denmark.....	293,336	293,336	—	—	—	—
Dominican Republic.....	19,820	19,820	—	—	—	—
Ecuador.....	15,856	15,758	98	—	—	98
Egypt.....	158,560	158,560	—	—	—	—
El Salvador.....	23,784	23,784	—	—	—	—
Ethiopia.....	47,568	47,568	—	—	—	—
France.....	2,338,760	2,338,760	—	—	—	—
Greece.....	83,244	46,766	36,478	—	—	36,478
Guatemala.....	27,748	438	27,310	—	—	27,310
Haiti.....	15,856	15,856	—	—	—	—
Honduras.....	15,856	15,856	—	—	—	—
Iceland.....	15,856	15,856	—	—	—	—
India.....	1,308,120	1,168,120	140,000	—	—	140,000
Indonesia.....	221,984	221,984	—	—	—	—
Iran.....	99,100	82,100	17,000	—	—	17,000
Iraq.....	43,604	43,604	—	—	—	—
Israel.....	67,388	30,000	37,388	—	—	37,388
Lebanon.....	19,820	—	19,820	—	—	19,820
Liberia.....	15,856	15,856	—	—	—	—
Luxembourg.....	23,784	23,784	—	—	—	—
Mexico.....	317,120	317,120	—	—	—	—
Netherlands.....	495,500	495,500	—	—	—	—
New Zealand.....	190,272	190,272	—	—	—	—
Nicaragua.....	15,856	2,523	13,333	—	—	13,333
Norway.....	198,200	198,200	—	—	—	—
Pakistan.....	265,588	125,588	140,000	—	—	140,000
Panama.....	19,820	19,820	—	—	—	—
Paraguay.....	15,856	15,856	—	—	—	—
Peru.....	71,352	2,212	69,140	72,128	—	141,268
Philippines.....	178,380	178,380	—	—	—	—
Poland.....	685,772	529,005	156,767	—	—	156,767
Saudi Arabia.....	27,748	27,748	—	—	—	—
Sweden.....	630,276	630,276	—	—	—	—
Syria.....	31,712	31,712	—	—	—	—
Thailand.....	71,352	71,352	—	—	—	—
Turkey.....	257,660	257,660	—	—	—	—
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic..	792,800	792,800	—	—	—	—
Union of South Africa.....	309,192	309,192	—	—	—	—
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	5,977,712	5,977,712	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	3,508,140	3,508,140	—	—	—	—
United States of America.....	13,212,012	13,212,012	—	—	—	—
Uruguay.....	71,352	4,913	66,439	69,427	25,463	161,329

**SCHEDULE A (continued)**

	1955 assessments			Assessments		Total balances due \$
	Assessments <sup>a</sup> \$	Collections \$	Balance due \$	1954	1953	
				Balance due \$	Balance due \$	
Venezuela .....	174,416	174,416	—	—	—	—
Yemen .....	15,856	—	15,856	—	—	15,856
Yugoslavia .....	174,416	174,416	—	—	—	—
	<u>39,640,000</u>	<u>35,895,813</u>	<u>3,744,187</u>	<u>2,354,496</u>	<u>50,085</u>	<u>6,148,768</u>

<sup>a</sup> The amount of \$39,640,000 is made up as follows:

Assessed in respect of the financial year 1955 and credited to income for 1955 (statement II)	\$ 40,131,200
Assessed in respect of supplementary appropriations from the financial year 1954 and credited to income for that year .....	701,870

*Deduct:* credits to assessments for the year 1955 for surplus as at 31 December 1954..... 1,193,070

Total assessments for 1955 as above ..... 39,640,000

**SCHEDULE B**

**Deferred credits to Members as a result of the transfer of assets  
from the League of Nations as at 31 December 1955**

Afghanistan.....	\$ 4,710
Argentina.....	238,920
Australia.....	316,500
Belgium.....	176,040
Bolivia.....	18,390
Canada.....	417,160
Chile.....	69,840
China.....	265,630
Cuba.....	59,090
Czechoslovakia.....	255,750
Denmark.....	122,040
Dominican Republic.....	7,250
Ecuador.....	2,140
Egypt.....	42,030
El Salvador.....	6,830
France.....	780,090
Greece.....	67,480
Guatemala.....	4,380
Haiti.....	11,640
Honduras.....	2,780
India.....	620,220
Iran.....	37,620
Iraq.....	17,550
Luxembourg.....	12,720
Mexico.....	41,230
Netherlands.....	228,550
New Zealand.....	104,250
Nicaragua.....	1,550
Norway.....	99,340
Panama.....	13,790
Peru.....	22,120
Poland.....	290,050
Sweden.....	233,320
Thailand.....	81,940
Turkey.....	58,490
Union of South Africa.....	197,030
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	148,550
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	1,151,360
Uruguay.....	49,130
Venezuela.....	34,380
Yugoslavia.....	182,780
	<u>6,494,660</u>

## SCHEDULE C

### Permanent Headquarters

#### Preliminary and construction expenditures to 31 December 1955

	\$
Completion of Secretariat Building, Conference Area, Assembly Hall and garages.....	51,740,407
Library building, including cost of alterations.....	1,650,285
Architectural design and planning.....	2,423,054
Engineering and supervisory costs.....	3,557,354
Reconstruction of Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive.....	2,772,900
Search of title to site property.....	20,020
Relocation of persons resident in building located on site (after deducting \$375,943 refunded by the City of New York).....	277,759
Demolition costs.....	303,517
Landscaping.....	1,137,514
Communications equipment.....	785,477
Furniture, furnishings and equipment.....	1,260,826
Administrative expenses of the Headquarters Planning Office.....	705,526
	66,634,639
	66,634,639

## SCHEDULE D

### Investments as at 31 December 1955

#### *Working Capital Fund*

	\$
United States Treasury Bills due 12 January 1956.....	499,645
United States Treasury Bills due 8 March 1956.....	298,579
United States Treasury Notes due 15 March 1956.....	500,090
United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, 2% <sup>0</sup> , due 22 June 1956.....	499,953
United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, 2¼% <sup>0</sup> ; due 22 June 1956.....	480,000
United States Treasury Notes due 15 August 1956.....	1,000,186
Federal Home Loan Banks Notes due 15 February 1956.....	500,000
Federal Home Loan Banks Notes due 16 April 1956.....	2,000,000
Federal Home Loan Banks Notes due 15 May 1956.....	250,000
Federal Land Banks Bonds due 1 May 1956.....	250,222
Federal Land Banks Bonds due 14 September 1956.....	99,907
Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Debentures due 1 May 1956.....	500,035
Commercial Investment Trust Inc. Note; 15 March 1956.....	497,760
International Harvester Credit Corporation Note, 1 due June 1956.....	494,693
	7,871,070
	7,871,070

#### *Permanent Headquarters construction account*

	\$
United States of America Treasury Bills due 19 January 1956.....	199,764
United States of America Treasury Bills due 9 February 1956.....	99,728
United States of America Treasury Bills due 15 March 1956.....	99,475
	398,967
	398,967



SCHEDULE E

**Advances to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions  
for the year ended 31 December 1955**

	<i>Balance 1 January 1955 \$</i>	<i>Advances during year \$</i>	<i>Repayments during year \$</i>	<i>Balance 31 December 1955 \$</i>
Preparatory Commission of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.....	5,185	—	—	5,185
	<u>5,185</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,185</u>

SCHEDULE F

**Advances to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities  
as at 31 December 1955**

	<i>Balance 1 January 1955 \$</i>	<i>Advances during year \$</i>	<i>Repayments during year \$</i>	<i>Balance 31 December 1955 \$</i>
Travel expenses of "extra" representatives to the General Assembly, the Councils and Commissions and "extra" local transportation for delegations..	13,825	16,219	24,015	6,029
Travel expenses of staff members loaned to special- ized agencies, etc.....	851	6,118	6,650	319
Purchase of cafeteria equipment.....	169,853	—	80,502	89,351
Advance payments for insurance coverage on Secre- tariat Building for period extending beyond the current year.....	29,451	7,300	9,817	26,934
To finance repairs and renovation of villa "Le Bocage" in Geneva.....	11,810	30,702	3,009	39,503
To finance Geneva Conference on Asian Problems..	1,191	—	1,191	—
Other self-liquidating purchases.....	29,207	298,976	209,414	118,769
	<u>256,188</u>	<u>359,315</u>	<u>334,598</u>	<u>280,905</u>

SCHEDULE G

**Advances from Members for the Working Capital Fund  
as at 31 December 1955**

	<i>Cash advances</i> \$	<i>Credits in connexion with transfer from surplus</i> \$	<i>Total advances</i> \$
Afghanistan . . . . .	16,000.00	1,200.00	17,200.00
Argentina . . . . .	264,000.00	23,856.65	287,856.65
Australia . . . . .	360,000.00	26,497.85	386,497.85
Belgium . . . . .	276,000.00	20,302.16	296,302.16
Bolivia . . . . .	10,000.00	900.00	10,900.00
Brazil . . . . .	264,000.00	23,856.65	287,856.65
Burma . . . . .	26,000.00	2,197.84	28,197.84
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic . . . . .	106,000.00	5,334.72	111,334.72
Canada . . . . .	726,000.00	50,119.60	776,119.60
Chile . . . . .	60,000.00	5,197.84	65,197.84
China . . . . .	1,124,000.00	85,910.95	1,209,910.95
Colombia . . . . .	82,000.00	5,497.84	87,497.84
Costa Rica . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Cuba . . . . .	60,000.00	4,976.08	64,976.08
Czechoslovakia . . . . .	188,000.00	15,750.00	203,750.00
Denmark . . . . .	148,000.00	11,823.92	159,823.92
Dominican Republic . . . . .	10,000.00	750.00	10,750.00
Ecuador . . . . .	8,000.00	723.92	8,723.92
Egypt . . . . .	80,000.00	8,739.20	88,739.20
El Salvador . . . . .	12,000.00	750.00	12,750.00
Ethiopia . . . . .	24,000.00	1,500.00	25,500.00
France . . . . .	1,180,000.00	86,250.00	1,266,250.00
Greece . . . . .	42,000.00	2,726.08	44,726.08
Guatemala . . . . .	14,000.00	900.00	14,900.00
Haiti . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Honduras . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Iceland . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
India . . . . .	660,000.00	52,741.37	712,741.37
Indonesia . . . . .	112,000.00	9,000.00	121,000.00
Iran . . . . .	50,000.00	5,817.44	55,817.44
Iraq . . . . .	22,000.00	2,047.84	24,047.84
Israel . . . . .	34,000.00	2,550.00	36,550.00
Lebanon . . . . .	10,000.00	873.92	10,873.92
Liberia . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Luxembourg . . . . .	12,000.00	750.00	12,750.00
Mexico . . . . .	160,000.00	9,880.40	169,880.40
Netherlands . . . . .	250,000.00	18,997.84	268,997.84
New Zealand . . . . .	96,000.00	7,447.84	103,447.84
Nicaragua . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Norway . . . . .	100,000.00	7,500.00	107,500.00
Pakistan . . . . .	134,000.00	11,850.00	145,850.00
Panama . . . . .	10,000.00	750.00	10,750.00
Paraguay . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Peru . . . . .	36,000.00	2,947.84	38,947.84
Philippines . . . . .	90,000.00	4,610.80	94,610.80
Poland . . . . .	346,000.00	20,973.75	366,973.75
Saudi Arabia . . . . .	14,000.00	1,173.92	15,173.92
Sweden . . . . .	318,000.00	25,741.36	343,741.36
Syria . . . . .	16,000.00	1,323.92	17,323.92
Thailand . . . . .	36,000.00	3,071.76	39,071.76
Turkey . . . . .	130,000.00	10,989.20	140,989.20
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic . . . . .	400,000.00	20,360.63	420,360.63
Union of South Africa . . . . .	156,000.00	13,317.44	169,317.44
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . . . .	3,016,000.00	154,087.37	3,170,087.37
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	1,770,000.00	157,721.93	1,927,721.93
United States of America . . . . .	6,666,000.00	548,857.81	7,214,857.81
Uruguay . . . . .	36,000.00	2,700.00	38,700.00
Venezuela . . . . .	88,000.00	4,878.24	92,878.24
Yemen . . . . .	8,000.00	600.00	8,600.00
Yugoslavia . . . . .	88,000.00	6,476.08	94,476.08
	20,000,000.00	1,500,000.00	21,500,000.00

*Note:* The advances listed are fully paid up.

SCHEDULE H

**Library Endowment Fund**  
**Status of the Fund as at 31 December 1955**

	\$	\$
Accumulated income:		
Balance as at 1 January 1955.....	27,645	
Add: net interest received and accrued during year.....	14,790	
	42,435	
Deduct: expenditures for library books and equipment.....	10,122	
Balance unexpended as at 31 December 1955.....		32,313
Principal:		
Balance as at 31 December 1955.....		587,239
Total of fund.....		619,552
Represented by:		
Investments:		
United States of America Savings Bonds, Registered Series G, due 1 June 1960, 2½%.....	100,000	
United States of America Savings Bonds, Registered Series G, due 1 July 1960, 2½%.....	200,000	
United States of America Treasury Bonds, 1959-1962, 2¼%.....	17,361	
United States of America Treasury Bonds, due 1 April 1980, 2¾%.....	41,095	
Commonwealth of Australia, 1962, 3⅜%.....	13,975	
Dominion of Canada, Perpetual, 3%.....	21,804	
Government of Sweden Bonds, 1969, 2¾%.....	47,185	
Government of Sweden Bonds, 1982, 3½%.....	28,556	
Government of Sweden Bonds, 1988, 3½%.....	28,588	
Government of Sweden Bonds, 1994, 3½%.....	28,836	
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1 March 1976, 3%.....	49,813	
Standard Oil of New Jersey Debenture, 15 May 1971, 2⅜%.....	9,482	
	586,695	
Cash at banks.....	27,001	
Interest accrued.....	4,455	
Due from the General Fund.....	1,401	
	619,552	619,552

The balance of the unexpended income at 31 December 1955, \$32,313 is made up as follows:

Appropriations made in 1954 unexpended at 1 January 1955.....	11,522	
Appropriations made in 1955.....	13,000	
	24,522	
Less: expended as above.....	10,122	
Balance of appropriations unexpended.....	14,400	
Income unappropriated.....	17,913	
	32,313	

This Fund was transferred to the United Nations by the League of Nations and is administered in accordance with specific rules to ensure the use of income derived from the Fund exclusively for the purpose for which it was originally established: that is, the maintenance of a library in the *Palais des Nations*.

SCHEDULE I

**International Press House Fund**  
**Statement showing the final disposition of the Fund during 1955**

	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 1955.....		25,364
Add: net gain realized on sale of gold.....		5
		25,369
Less: safe custody charges.....	26	
Transferred to United Nations Correspondents' Associations in New York and Geneva.....	25,343	
	25,343	25,369
		0

This Fund, established by voluntary contributions to provide an International Press House near the *Palais des Nations* in Geneva, was transferred from the League of Nations, subject to the original terms of its establishment, and held as an interim custodianship pending classification as to the bodies legally competent to dispose of it. Following a final determination of this question, which was made during the year 1955, the assets of the fund have been transferred to these bodies and the Fund liquidated.

SCHEDULE J

**Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance**

STATUS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1955

	\$	\$
Balance on hand as at 1 January 1955.....		15,033,907
Contributions received during 1955:		
Against 1955 pledges.....	25,147,287	
Against 1954 pledges.....	394,474	
Against 1953 pledges.....	32,000	
	25,573,761	
<i>Less:</i> exchange adjustments upon receipt of contributions.....	386,543	25,187,218
Miscellaneous income.....		235,581
Payments made by governments toward local living costs of experts (net).....		1,000,411
Other payments by a government for a special project.....		44,030
Advance payments by governments in respect of 1956 local costs.....		41,642
		41,542,789
<i>Less:</i>		
Remittances and other charges to participating organizations and Technical Assistance Board secretariat:		
Against allocations.....	23,277,055	
Against local cost apportionments.....	674,348	
Exchange adjustments on allocations.....	50,457	24,001,860
		17,540,929
Represented by:		
Cash at banks, on hand and in transit.....		4,449,295
Local costs expenditures recoverable from participating organizations.....		272,576
Investments.....		12,508,966
Interest accrued.....		59,360
Contributions in kind, accepted but not used.....		250,732
		17,540,929
This amount of \$17,540,929 is accounted for as follows:		
Working Capital and Reserve Fund.....		9,000,000
Contributions and other income (including governments' payments toward local costs), received but not yet allocated or apportioned.....		1,594,991
Advance payments by governments on 1956 local costs.....		41,642
Undrawn allocations and local cost apportionments:		
United Nations.....	3,370,524	
International Labour Organisation.....	349,027	
Food and Agriculture Organization.....	975,309	
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.....	1,216,027	
International Civil Aviation Organization.....	90,398	
World Health Organization.....	771,259	
Technical Assistance Board secretariat.....	131,752	6,904,296
		17,540,929

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS  
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ON THE AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955**

1. General Assembly resolution 74 (I) directs the Board of Auditors to audit annually the accounts of the United Nations and to submit a report, together with the certified financial statements, not later than 1 June for review and comment by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions prior to submission to the General Assembly. The same resolution authorizes the Board to conduct the audit in such manner as it sees fit, after consultation with the Advisory Committee relative to the scope of the audit. In addition, the financial regulations direct that the Board is to mention in its report "the extent and character of its examinations or other important changes therein".

2. The Advisory Committee was consulted prior to the 1955 audit being undertaken. There was no material change, either in the extent or character of the audit performed under directions of the Board. Test examinations of transactions, accounts and inventories were conducted to the extent necessary to satisfy the Board as to the general state of the accounts and the accuracy of the financial statements submitted for audit certificates, and to report thereon to the General Assembly. Books of account, vouchers and other pertinent records at New York, Geneva and The Hague were examined twice during the year. All information required was provided and the Board now records its appreciation of the co-operation and assistance extended by the Secretariat and the Registry of the International Court of Justice.

3. *Financial statements.* The Secretary-General submitted the following financial statements, together with associated schedules, for audit certificates:

- I. Statement of 1955 budget appropriations, obligations incurred and unobligated balances of appropriations;
- II. Statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account for the year ended 31 December 1955;
- III. Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1955.

The statements having been certified as being in accord with the books and records, the Board now reports on the transactions of the year. The Secretary-General submitted also financial statements relating to expenditures in connexion with the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. In accordance with established practice, a separate report is being submitted with respect to these.

4. *Summary of 1955 obligations incurred.* The General Assembly, on 17 December 1954, appropriated \$46,963,800 for the 1955 budget. This amount was supplemented to the extent of \$3,264,200 by resolution 978 (X) of 16 December 1955. Consequently, the total amount available to the Secretary-General for 1955 budgetary expenditures was \$50,228,000. Obligations incurred totalling \$50,089,808, the recorded unobligated balance for surrender was \$138,192. A summary comparison, by objects of expenditure, of 1954 and 1955 transactions is:

	1954	1955	Increase	Decrease
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries, wages and other staff costs.....	32,714,179	33,226,068	511,889	
Travel and transportation.....	3,273,965	3,581,395	307,430	
Acquisition of capital assets.....	2,171,665	2,649,466	477,801	
Rental and maintenance of premises.....	2,558,813	2,565,534	6,721	
Printing.....	1,439,365	1,842,896	403,531	
Technical programmes.....	1,779,600	1,779,600		
Other charges.....	4,014,766	3,850,386		164,380
International Court of Justice.....	557,656	594,463	36,807	
	<u>48,510,009</u>	<u>50,089,808</u>		

5. Increases in staff costs to a material degree were due to (a) the \$285,000 incurred for staff requirements of the Atomic Energy Conference held at Geneva (there was no comparable charge in 1954) and (b) to the fact that \$183,000 of staff costs associated with the Visitors' Service were budget charges in 1955, while in 1954 they were paid directly from income of the Service. The increase in travel costs was mainly due to the San Francisco meeting of the General Assembly and the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at Geneva. The expenditure on capital assets was greater because the instalment of the permanent Headquarters

construction loan which matured in 1955 was \$500,000 larger. The cost of printing was down so far as the normal printing programme of the Organization is of concern—approximately \$60,000 less than in 1954. The \$403,000 increase in the total listed in the paragraph above was due to obligations incurred for printing the official records of the Atomic Energy Conference.

6. *Enlargement of restaurant and cafeteria.* The cost of this construction work is not included in 1955 budget statements. In appropriating the budget for 1954 the General Assembly provided \$565,000 in section 19a for this undertaking. As it was not proceeded with in that year, budget resolution 881 (IX) provided that:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of financial regulation 4.3, the appropriation provided under section 19a in respect of improvements to premises shall remain available for twelve months following the end of the financial year 1954 to the extent that it is required to discharge obligations arising from any contract entered into prior to 31 December 1954.”

The restaurant and cafeteria were reconstructed during 1955. At the same time certain other improvements were made and some new equipment installed. The total cost was about \$623,000 and it was allocated as follows: \$565,000 charged to section 19a of 1954 budget; \$36,000 charged to permanent Headquarters construction account and \$22,000 charged to operating income of the catering service.

7. *Transfers between sections of budget.* A footnote to the statement of appropriations and obligations incurred, etc., notes that \$53,300 was transferred from section 24 (Official Records) to section 25 (Publications). The authority so to do was vested in the Secretary-General by a provision in budget resolution 890 (IX). The footnote also draws attention to transfers totalling \$135,000 made with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The authority relied on for the latter transfers is the provision in resolution 890 (IX) which vests a general power in the Secretary-General “with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget.” Particulars are now given because accounting effect preceded concurrences by the Advisory Committee.

8. On 20 December 1955, the Secretary-General applied to the Advisory Committee for its concurrence to transfers of credits to the following sections of the 1955 budget:

<i>Section</i>	\$
8. Department of Economic and Social Affairs . . . . .	15,000
11. Department of Conference Services . . . . .	7,000
12. Office of General Services . . . . .	3,000
13. Temporary assistance and consultants . . . . .	12,000
15. Common staff costs . . . . .	20,000
	57,000
	57,000

The concurrence of the Advisory Committee is dated 10 January 1956. The Secretary-General made a second application for concurrences on 24 January 1956. The sections involved in this application were:

<i>Section</i>	\$
12. Office of General Services . . . . .	1,500
15. Common staff costs . . . . .	24,000
16. Common services . . . . .	41,000
20. Information centres . . . . .	7,500
25. Publications . . . . .	4,000
	78,000
	78,000

The concurrence of the Advisory Committee bears the date 20 February 1956. The audit disclosed that, with respect to both applications, obligations were incurred and recorded in the books of account prior to the Advisory Committee signifying its concurrence.

9. *Overtime charges to section 13.* Over the years, the Board of Auditors occasionally has had to consider to what extent, if any, the Secretary-General is required to conform strictly with the descriptive text in the document on the budget estimates presented in support of the draft budget resolution. During the present audit, the problem again presented itself, this time in the review of charges to section 13 (temporary assistance and consultants). The section is new and its purpose is described in the document on budget estimates for 1955 as follows:

“This section includes provision for temporary assistance and consultants formerly carried under the various departmental headings. In addition, it covers temporary staff necessary for the additional meetings and facilities required by the General Assembly (formerly under section 1), and replacement of staff detailed from Headquarters to special missions and related activities (formerly under section 5). Appropriate adjustments have been made in the amounts shown for previous years under the various sections affected.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/2647), page 57.*



A comparison of the 1954 and 1955 documents shows that various sections in the 1955 budget have been reduced so far as provision for salaries and wages is of concern. A like downward adjustment in provision for overtime and night differential is not so self-evident and, as no reference to overtime and night differential costs is made in section 13, it may be that the General Assembly assumed that no change in appropriating practice was being proposed by the Secretary-General in so far as overtime, etc., was concerned. It is for this reason that the Board notes that approximately \$10,000 of overtime and night differential costs have been charged to section 13.

10. *Reimbursement of income tax.* During the eighth session, the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the question whether staff members, nationals of other countries but opting for permanent residence status in the United States, should be reimbursed tax paid to the United States on income earned as members of the Organization. The conclusion reached was that a staff member "opting for permanent residence status in the country of his duty station, and thereby rendering himself liable to national income taxation on salary and other emoluments received from the United Nations, should receive reimbursement of such taxation, subject to the decision of the General Assembly to appropriate funds annually for this purpose."<sup>2</sup>

11. In the course of the review of accounts of the International Court of Justice it was observed that an Australian national had continuously resided at The Hague since appointment to the Registry in 1948. Being the holder of a United States permanent residence visa, legislation of that country has required since 1953 that he pay United States tax on his income regardless of country of current residence—he does not enjoy the same exemption as does a United States national absent from the United States for 510 consecutive days. He has been reimbursed approximately \$1,850 on taxes paid to the United States Government. The case is noted because the above quotation specifically treats with staff members "opting for permanent residence status in the country of his duty station". In this instance, the country of duty is the Netherlands and the Court does not maintain an office in the United States. The foregoing case is used to illustrate; there are a few others elsewhere in the Organization.

12. *Contributions by Members.* After subtracting estimated miscellaneous income of \$6,832,600, budgetary requirements called for a levy of \$40,131,200 on 1955 account and \$701,870 with respect to 1954 supplementaries. Credits available in the surplus account for 1955 assessment purposes being \$1,193,070, the actual levy for the year 1955 was \$39,640,000. During the year, \$35,895,813 was collected, leaving a balance outstanding of \$3,744,187 as at 31 December 1955. Particulars are given in schedule "A" to financial statement III.

13. On 14 December 1955, the General Assembly admitted sixteen new Members. Financial regulation 5.8 reads:

"New Members shall be required to make a contribution for the year in which they become Members and to provide their proportion of the total advances to the Working Capital Fund at rates to be determined by the General Assembly."

As the tenth session was about at an end when the sixteen States were admitted, no rates were fixed during that session. With respect to the 1955 supplementaries totalling \$3,264,200, the Financial Regulations provide that the annual assessment on Member States is to include "supplementary appropriations for which contributions have not previously been assessed on the Member States." Therefore the general assessment for 1956 already made includes the \$3,264,200. The States assessed are those who were Members prior to 14 December 1955. Whatever amount the General Assembly directs to be assessed on new Members for 1955 and 1956 will be recorded as follows: (a) 1955 levies will be credited to miscellaneous income; and (b) Members already assessed in 1956 will be given credits to the amount of the 1956 levies on new Members.

14. *Miscellaneous income.* In paragraph 12 above it is noted that it was estimated in resolution 890 (IX) that miscellaneous income in 1955 would produce \$6,832,600. Actually, a larger amount was recorded in 1955, the total being \$7,197,651. A comparison with the estimate and the like income received in 1954 is:

	<i>Resolution estimates \$</i>	<i>Actual income 1955 \$</i>	<i>1954 income \$</i>
Staff assessment plan.....	4,212,400	4,335,869	4,664,780
Guided tours service.....	545,000	362,665	225,171
United Nations stamps.....	450,000	518,810	377,971
Services to specialized agencies, etc.....	395,200	452,819	342,635
Publications.....	310,000	330,668	343,447
Rentals of space, including garages.....	301,000	339,247	320,049
Interest and investment income.....	151,100	182,849	191,544
Refunds of prior years' expenditures.....	151,000	202,902	55,106
Contributions from Non-Member States.....	111,500	269,371	63,444
United Nations Gift Centre.....	60,000	92,212	83,209
Sale of used furniture, etc.....	37,400	62,609	43,701
Film distribution and broadcasting.....	30,000	19,862	12,355
Other.....	78,000	27,768	140,806
	6,832,600	7,197,651	6,864,218

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, Annexes, Agenda item 51, A/2615, para. 64.

15. *Statement of assets and liabilities.* The United Nations Children's Fund special account was established in 1946. Practice has been to list in the United Nations statement of assets and liabilities the cash and investments held by the Secretary-General at each year end. In the 1954 statement the amount was \$16,185,058. During 1955 a committee under the chairmanship of the Executive Director of UNICEF was instructed to manage investments of the Fund's resources. For 1955 purposes this action was treated as removing UNICEF investments from the ambit of the statement's subsidiary heading "Amounts held in respect of activities separately reported". Therefore, UNICEF investments are not included in the 1955 statement. The Board was informed that the change in practice is not intended to diminish in any way the responsibilities placed on the Secretary-General by resolution 57 (I) and the Financial Regulations.

16. *Memorandum to the Advisory Committee.* In accordance with established practice, the Board is drawing to the notice of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions some matters noted in the audit which relate to the routine of administration.

17. *Other audit reports.* The General Assembly has directed that the Board of Auditors examine, certify and report on the accounts of:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Financial year-end</i>
Joint Staff Pension Fund.....	30 September
United Nations Children's Fund.....	31 December
United Nations Refugee Fund.....	31 December
United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency.....	30 June
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.....	30 June

The Pension Fund's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 1955 have already been submitted, certified and reported upon. The Director of UNICEF submitted financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1955. These have been certified and a report made to the General Assembly. The High Commissioner for Refugees submitted financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1955 of the United Nations Refugee Fund. These also have been certified and a report made. Audits will be made of the accounts of UNKRA and UNRWAPRNE after their books of account for the year ending 30 June 1956 are closed and financial statements submitted for audit certificates.

(Signed) Watson SELLAR, *Canada*  
Luis ACEVEDO RODRÍGUEZ, *Colombia*  
Lars BREIE, *Norway*

8 May 1956

**PART II.**

**EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955**



**Financial report relating to the United Nations participation  
in the Programme and the Technical Assistance Board secretariat**

1. There is submitted herein a financial report, together with financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1955 and the report of the Board of Auditors, covering United Nations expenditures in connexion with the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for Economic Development of Under-developed Countries. The accounts are grouped into two main categories, as reflected in the separate financial statements which accompany this report, each with appropriate supplementary schedules:

- (a) Statement I relates to expenditures of the United Nations as a participating organization in operations under the Programme;
- (b) Statement II relates to expenditures of the secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board under the administration of the Executive Chairman of the Board.

2. The financial statements of expenditures by the specialized agencies under the Programme are reported directly to their own governing bodies, and are later transmitted to the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 519 A (VI).

**Accounts of the United Nations as a participating organization**

3. As shown in statement I, the funds allocated or otherwise available during 1955 for operational and related administrative expenditures of the United Nations under the Programme amounted to \$9,797,210, while obligations incurred for these purposes were \$7,532,952. In addition, \$287,351 was apportioned or is to be apportioned to the United Nations out of payments made by or due from Governments towards local living costs of experts under Economic and Social Council resolution 470 (XV) against which charges amounted to \$283,891.

4. Statement I shows a balance as at 31 December 1955 of \$2,530,000 representing the excess of total income over obligations incurred for the year. This balance reverts in full to the Special Account and consists of the following elements:

	<i>Funds</i> \$	<i>Obligations incurred</i> \$	<i>Balance</i> \$
Apportionments for local costs . . . . .	287,351	283,891	3,460
Allocations restricted for special purposes . . . . .	2,456,841	364,453	2,092,388
Regular allocations and other available funds . . . . .	7,340,369	7,168,499	171,870
Savings on liquidation of prior year's obligations and miscellaneous income . . . . .	262,282	—	262,282
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,346,843</b>	<b>7,816,843</b>	<b>2,530,000</b>

• The surplus of \$3,460 in respect of local cost apportionments may not be used for any other purpose and will, after adjustment upon finalizing the local cost accounts for 1955 in 1956, be refunded to the Governments which provided these funds. The allocations restricted for special purposes were made by the Technical Assistance Board with the provision that their use was restricted to particular purposes and the unused balances totalling \$2,092,388 have to be returned to the Special Account. The excess of regular allocations over obligations incurred (designated as year-end carry-over) in the amount of \$171,870, the savings on the liquidation of 1954 obligations realized in 1955 and miscellaneous income, \$262,282, have also to revert to the Special Account in accordance with decisions of the Technical Assistance Board made in 1955.

It is to be noted that the savings on the liquidation of the 1954 obligations, \$222,517, exceeds the deficit as at 1 January 1955, \$201,421, so that the final accounting in 1955 in respect of 1954 operations resulted in a small surplus for 1954.

5. The regular allocations and other available funds, \$7,340,369, were derived as follows:

	\$
Allocation in respect of 1954 carry-over . . . . .	102,848
Allocations to the United Nations out of total approved earmarkings of \$24,790,075, \$5,670,886, less: exchange adjustments thereon, \$11,544 . . . . .	5,659,342
Grant-in-aid from the regular budget appropriations of the United Nations . . . . .	1,779,600
	7,541,790
Less: excess of obligations incurred over available funds as at 31 December 1954 . . .	201,421
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>7,340,369</b>

6. Details of the operational and administrative expenditures will be found in three schedules annexed to statement I. These are summarized, together with comparative figures for 1954, as follows:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
A. Project costs.....	6,375,381	5,236,229
B. Indirect project costs.....	794,069	836,791
	<u>7,169,450</u>	<u>6,073,020</u>
C. Administrative costs.....	363,502	359,685
TOTALS	<u>7,532,952</u>	<u>6,432,705</u>

In addition, expenditures totalling \$77,515 were incurred in 1955 in respect of technical assistance in particular areas against direct reimbursement either by the Governments receiving the assistance or organizations sponsoring the projects, increasing the total obligations incurred, exclusive of local costs, to \$7,610,467.

7. Against the unused balances of the allocations restricted for special purposes, \$2,092,388, firm contractual commitments for supplies and equipment amounting to \$1,125,635 had been incurred prior to 30 November 1955, but the recorded obligations were cancelled because of non-delivery by 31 December 1955. These commitments have been reported to the Technical Assistance Board and a request made for re-allocation of funds in 1956 in accordance with the policy agreed by the Board in 1955. In respect of the balance of regular allocations and other available funds, \$171,870, similar commitments totalled \$80,016 and a re-allocation of the latter amount may be expected in 1956. Had delivery been effected by 31 December 1955, the financial operations for the year 1955, inclusive of local costs, would have totalled \$9,100,009.

8. The following table presents a comparison of administrative costs for the year 1955 with those for the year 1954:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
Personal services.....	321,437	331,182
Administrative supplies and materials.....	3,946	1,594
Travel and transportation.....	30,358	24,452
Contractual and other services.....	7,761	2,457
	<u>363,502</u>	<u>359,685</u>

Administrative costs for the year 1955 represent about 4.8 per cent of the total obligations incurred under the programme, as against 5.6 per cent for 1954, and thus reflect relatively a substantial reduction in costs. It is noted in this connexion that the administrative costs include for 1955 \$23,000 and for 1954 \$25,996 in respect of charges for tax reimbursement.

9. Two *ex gratia* payments were authorized in 1955 totalling \$3,700 and the relevant obligations recorded against technical assistance funds. An amount up to \$3,000 was allowed for reimbursement of hospital and medical expenses incurred by an expert; the payments in 1955 totalled \$2,586. A sum up to \$700 was granted as a compassionate payment to an expert for extra transportation costs resulting from his child's sickness but no payments were made in 1955.

#### Expenditures of the Technical Assistance Board secretariat

10. As shown in statement II, the total obligations incurred for the year 1955 amounted to \$1,356,084 as against allocations by the Board of \$1,413,914. The balance of \$57,830 together with miscellaneous income, etc., of \$38,752 makes a total of \$96,582 which reverts to the Special Account.

11. Further details of the obligations incurred for the year 1955 are reported in schedules A and B attached to statement II. These are summarized below together with comparative figures for the year 1954:

	1955 \$	1954 \$
A. Resident Representatives' and liaison officers' costs.....	972,186	885,845
B. Central administrative costs of the secretariat.....	383,898	391,467
	<u>1,356,084</u>	<u>1,277,312</u>



12. A summary of the total obligations incurred by object of expenditures under the two categories, as compared with totals for the preceding year, is given in the following table:

	1955			1954
	<i>Resident Representatives etc. \$</i>	<i>Central administrative costs \$</i>	<i>Totals \$</i>	<i>Totals \$</i>
Personal services . . . . .	751,588	310,810	1,062,398	1,009,418
Administrative supplies, materials, equipment, etc. . . . .	31,399	1,623	33,022	30,971
Travel and transportation . . . . .	142,061	40,881	182,942	168,940
Contractual and other services . . . . .	47,138	30,584	77,722	67,983
	<u>972,186</u>	<u>383,898</u>	<u>1,356,084</u>	<u>1,277,312</u>

(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD,  
Secretary-General



**ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955**



**United Nations**  
**Status of funds as at 31 December 1955**

	\$	\$
Balance as at 31 December 1954.....		(95,167)
<i>Less:</i>		
Special and bonus allocations reverted to the Special Account.....	73,788	
Excess of 1954 local costs apportionments over obligations incurred.....	32,466	106,254
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Excess of allocations over obligations incurred as at 1 January 1955.....		(201,421)
Allocations for 1955.....	8,230,575	
Grant-in-aid from United Nations.....	1,779,600	
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	10,010,175	
<i>Less:</i> exchange adjustments on undrawn allocations.....	11,544	9,998,631
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Total funds available.....		9,797,210
Obligations incurred during 1955 (excluding charges against funds provided by governments for local costs):		
Project costs (schedule A).....	6,375,381	
Indirect project costs (schedule B).....	794,069	
Administrative costs (schedule C).....	363,502	7,532,952
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Excess of allocations over obligations incurred.....		2,264,258
Other income:		
Savings on liquidation of prior year's obligations.....	222,517	
Miscellaneous.....	39,765	262,282
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Excess of local cost apportionments over expenditures chargeable:		
Balance as at 1 January 1955.....	32,466	
Apportionments received (net) and receivable.....	254,885	
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Total funds available.....	287,351	
<i>Deduct:</i> obligations incurred chargeable thereto.....	283,891	3,460
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Balance as at 31 December 1955.....		2,530,000
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Represented by:		
Cash at banks and on hand.....	1,237,888	
Undrawn allocations and local cost apportionments.....	3,370,524	
Local costs charges recoverable from governments.....	60,080	
Accounts receivable, advances, etc.....	158,714	4,827,206
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<i>Less:</i>		
Unliquidated obligations.....	2,163,643	
Accounts payable.....	61,967	
Sundry credit balances.....	71,596	2,297,206
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		2,530,000
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Certified correct	Approved	
(Signed) B. R. TURNER,	(Signed) Dag HAMMARSEJOLD,	
Controller	Secretary-General	

**AUDIT CERTIFICATE**

The above statement showing the status of funds of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration in connexion with the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for Economic Development of Underdeveloped Countries, for the year ended 31 December 1955, has been examined in accordance with our directions. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and, subject to the observations in our report, we certify, as a result of the audit, that in our opinion, the above statement is correct.

(Signed) Watson SELLAR, Canada  
Luis ACEVEDO RODRÍGUEZ, Colombia  
Lars BREIE, Norway

*Schedules to statement I*

SCHEDULE A

**Obligations incurred: project costs by the United Nations  
for the year ended 31 December 1955**

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Disbursements</i> \$	<i>Unliquidated obligations</i> \$	<i>Total</i> \$
<b>EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA</b>			
Europe—regional projects . . . . .	77,731	37,886	115,617
Middle and Near East—regional projects . . . . .	88,448	38,797	127,245
Ethiopia . . . . .	27,493	9,178	36,671
Liberia . . . . .	4,869	—	4,869
Libya . . . . .	122,083	19,997	142,080
Greece . . . . .	35,737	24,806	60,543
Yugoslavia . . . . .	135,963	89,649	225,612
Austria . . . . .	1,815	4,560	6,375
Denmark . . . . .	1,459	1,086	2,545
Finland . . . . .	8,405	10,860	19,265
France . . . . .	334	875	1,209
Netherlands . . . . .	2,647	2,988	5,635
Norway . . . . .	—	2,983	2,983
Sweden . . . . .	5,287	1,321	6,608
Switzerland . . . . .	2,832	160	2,992
Italy . . . . .	2,342	104	2,446
Portugal . . . . .	1,073	511	1,584
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	8,604	100	8,704
Afghanistan . . . . .	40,938	64,197	105,135
Egypt . . . . .	140,491	51,586	192,077
Iran . . . . .	147,539	52,460	199,999
Iraq . . . . .	53,045	47,902	100,947
Israel . . . . .	139,762	46,318	186,080
Jordan . . . . .	124,703	34,324	159,027
Lebanon . . . . .	20,087	25,220	45,307
Saudi Arabia . . . . .	4,193	4,495	8,688
Sudan . . . . .	9	302	311
Syria . . . . .	31,735	42,746	74,481
Turkey . . . . .	188,296	157,344	345,640
Yemen . . . . .	17,589	10,846	28,435
Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories administered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	74,529	24,205	98,734
	<hr/> 1,510,038	<hr/> 807,806	<hr/> 2,317,844
<b>INTER-REGIONAL</b>			
Inter-regional . . . . .	296,847	58,678	355,525
	<hr/> 296,847	<hr/> 58,678	<hr/> 355,525
<b>ASIA AND FAR EAST</b>			
Regional projects . . . . .	157,782	134,064	291,846
Australia . . . . .	1,541	652	2,193
Burma . . . . .	195,414	81,968	277,382
Ceylon . . . . .	90,011	32,825	122,836
China . . . . .	59,907	34,859	94,766
India . . . . .	149,280	77,641	226,921
Indochina . . . . .	76,960	31,084	108,044
Indonesia . . . . .	206,513	60,241	266,754
Japan . . . . .	16,453	29,000	45,453
Korea . . . . .	15,468	9,425	24,893
Nepal . . . . .	19,871	19,780	39,651
Pakistan . . . . .	185,713	75,164	260,877
Philippines . . . . .	46,429	21,760	68,189
Thailand . . . . .	60,907	28,172	89,079
Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories administered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	13,773	6,173	19,946
Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories administered by the United States of America . . . . .	7,955	173	8,128
	<hr/> 1,303,977	<hr/> 642,981	<hr/> 1,946,958

SCHEDULE A  
(continued)

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Disbursements</i> \$	<i>Unliquidated</i> <i>obligations</i> \$	<i>Total</i> \$
<b>LATIN AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN</b>			
Regional projects.....	340,152	92,251	432,403
Argentina.....	3,714	9,879	13,593
Bolivia.....	167,884	37,674	205,558
Brazil.....	98,650	61,576	160,226
Chile.....	17,443	54,095	71,538
Colombia.....	79,823	23,322	103,145
Costa Rica.....	14,773	13,225	27,998
Cuba.....	2,505	1,930	4,435
Dominican Republic.....	20,743	2,382	23,125
Ecuador.....	59,345	29,478	88,823
Guatemala.....	6,914	11,199	18,113
Haiti.....	49,040	43,531	92,571
Honduras.....	17,531	4,858	22,389
Mexico.....	38,972	23,011	61,983
Nicaragua.....	30,157	7,320	37,477
Panama.....	4,461	4,865	9,326
Paraguay.....	42,014	27,518	69,532
Peru.....	17,576	22,355	39,931
El Salvador.....	20,635	12,497	33,132
Uruguay.....	36,566	30,991	67,557
Venezuela.....	92,496	21,395	113,891
Puerto Rico.....	2,645	921	3,566
United Kingdom dependent territories in Latin America.....	25,661	18,074	43,735
Netherlands dependent territories in Latin America.....	1,906	9,101	11,007
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	1,191,606	563,448	1,755,054
TOTAL	<hr/> <u>4,302,468</u>	<hr/> <u>2,072,913</u>	<hr/> <u>6,375,381</u>

SCHEDULE B

**Obligations incurred: indirect project costs by the United Nations  
for the year ended 31 December 1955**

	<i>Disbursements</i> \$	<i>Unliquidated obligations</i> \$	<i>Total</i> \$
Personal services.....	702,163	49,550	751,713
Administrative supplies and materials.....	—	—	—
Administrative property and equipment.....	—	—	—
Travel and transportation:			
Official business.....	2,074	72	2,146
Recruitment, leave and termination.....	25,165	9,200	34,365
Contractual and other services:			
Communications.....	5,072	520	5,592
Other.....	248	5	253
	<u>734,722</u>	<u>59,347</u>	<u>794,069</u>
	<u>734,722</u>	<u>59,347</u>	<u>794,069</u>

SCHEDULE C

**Obligations incurred: administrative costs by the United Nations  
for the year ended 31 December 1955**

	<i>Disbursements</i> \$	<i>Unliquidated obligations</i> \$	<i>Total</i> \$
Personal services.....	297,462	23,975	321,437
Administrative supplies and materials.....	3,789	157	3,946
Travel and transportation:			
Official business.....	18,927	6,372	25,299
Recruitment, leave and termination.....	5,059	—	5,059
Contractual and other services:			
Communications.....	5,958	779	6,737
Other.....	924	100	1,024
	<u>332,119</u>	<u>31,383</u>	<u>363,502</u>
	<u>332,119</u>	<u>31,383</u>	<u>363,502</u>



**Technical Assistance Board secretariat**  
**Status of funds as at 31 December 1955**

	\$	\$
Excess of allocations over obligations incurred as at 31 December 1954.....		35,092
<i>Less:</i> surrendered to the Special Account.....		35,092
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Allocations for 1955.....	1,416,800	
<i>Less:</i> exchange adjustments on undrawn allocations.....	2,886	1,413,914
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Obligations incurred during the period:		
Resident representatives' and liaison officers' costs (schedule A).....	972,186	
Central administrative costs (schedule B).....	383,898	1,356,084
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Excess of allocations over obligations incurred.....		57,830
Other income:		
Savings on liquidation of prior year's obligations.....		24,462
Miscellaneous.....		14,290
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Balance as at 31 December 1955.....		96,582
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Represented by:		
Cash at banks and on hand.....	35,239	
Undrawn allocations.....	131,752	
Accounts receivable, advances, deposits, etc.....	14,732	181,723
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<i>Less:</i>		
Unliquidated obligations.....	77,635	
Sundry credit balances.....	7,506	85,141
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		96,582
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Certified correct  
 (Signed) B. R. TURNER,  
*Controller*

Approved  
 (Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD,  
*Secretary-General*

**AUDIT CERTIFICATE**

The above statement showing the status of funds of the Technical Assistance Board secretariat in connexion with the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for Economic Development of Under-developed Countries for the year ended 31 December 1955, has been examined in accordance with our directions. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and we certify, as a result of the audit, that, in our opinion, the above statement is correct.

(Signed) Watson SELLAR, *Canada*  
 Luis ACEVEDO RODRÍGUEZ, *Colombia*  
 Lars BREIE, *Norway*

## SCHEDULE A

**Obligations incurred for Resident Representatives' and liaison officers' costs  
for the year ended 31 December 1955**

	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Unliquidated obligations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Personal services.....	742,488	9,100	751,588
Administrative supplies and materials.....	5,308	—	5,308
Administrative property and equipment.....	19,002	7,089	26,091
Travel and transportation.....	120,137	21,924	142,061
Contractual and other services.....	46,037	1,101	47,138
	<u>932,972</u>	<u>39,214</u>	<u>972,186</u>

## SCHEDULE B

**Obligations incurred for central administrative costs of the Technical Assistance Board secretariat  
for the year ended 31 December 1955**

	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Unliquidated obligations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Personal services.....	281,474	29,336	310,810
Administrative supplies and materials.....	1,323	300	1,623
Administrative property and equipment.....	—	—	—
Travel and transportation:			
Official business.....	22,903	1,631	24,534
Recruitment, leave and termination.....	14,993	1,354	16,347
Contractual and other services:			
Communications.....	16,557	3,000	19,557
Other.....	8,227	2,800	11,027
	<u>345,477</u>	<u>38,421</u>	<u>383,898</u>

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS  
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS  
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ON THE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS RELATING TO THE  
EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1955**

1. This report of the Board of Auditors is associated with two technical assistance financial statements submitted by the Secretary-General for audit certificates:

I. United Nations, status of funds as at 31 December 1955;

II. Technical Assistance Board secretariat, status of funds as at 31 December 1955;

but, before reporting thereon, the over-all financial outcome of the 1955 Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance is summarized.

2. The 1955 programme was made possible through seventy-one countries undertaking to contribute the equivalent of US \$27,883,374; in addition, there was a surplus of \$8,883,052 carried forward from the previous year. Up to 31 December 1955, the Special Account had been credited with \$25,147,286 and a further \$120,000 was paid by Governments by 31 March 1956 (the date of completion of audit examinations). The Special Account was also credited in 1955 with \$235,581 miscellaneous income, mainly from temporary investments of balances at credit of the Special Account.

3. The programme for 1955 provided for the spending of \$30,370,963, this sum being allocated to the participating organizations and to the Technical Assistance Board in the following manner:

	Regular allocations \$	Special currencies allocations \$	Special allocations for Amazon development \$	Redistrib- tion of 1954 carry-overs \$	Contingency fund allocations \$	Total allocations \$
United Nations.....	5,670,886	2,411,561	—	102,848	45,280	8,230,575
International Labour Organisation.....	2,592,710	111,619	—	48,872	28,000	2,781,201
Food and Agriculture Organization.....	6,462,699	986,704	36,692	522,725	76,600	8,085,420
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.....	3,141,742	491,407	7,338	269,875	7,000	3,917,362
International Civil Aviation Organization....	1,032,000	—	—	13,441	16,400	1,061,841
World Health Organization.....	4,473,238	46,930	—	354,096	3,500	4,877,764
Technical Assistance Board.....	1,416,800	—	—	—	—	1,416,800
	<u>24,790,075</u>	<u>4,048,221<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>44,030<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>1,311,857<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>176,780</u>	<u>30,370,963</u>

<sup>1</sup> This represents allocations in special non-convertible currencies: Brazil \$54,284, Czechoslovakia \$135,889, Denmark \$338,868, Poland \$225,000, Turkey \$240,000 and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics \$3,054,180.

<sup>2</sup> This represents the distribution of the payment made by Brazil for a special project in connexion with the development of the Amazon.

<sup>3</sup> Carry-overs in the hands of the agencies at 31 December 1954 reverted to the Special Account and were reallocated in the above amounts to the participating organizations in accordance with article 103.1 (f) (i) of the TAB finance manual.

4. Remittances were made from the Special Account as implementation of programmes necessitated. At the year-end \$6,904,296 in the Special Account represented undrawn allocations and undrawn local cost apportionments, a listing being:

	Undrawn allocations \$	Undrawn local cost apportionments \$	Total \$
United Nations.....	3,342,365	28,159	3,370,524
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cul- tural Organization.....	1,202,450	13,577	1,216,027
Food and Agriculture Organization.....	958,044	17,265	975,309
World Health Organization.....	674,313	96,946	771,259
International Labour Organisation.....	328,245	20,782	349,027
International Civil Aviation Organization.....	79,999	10,399	90,398
Technical Assistance Board.....	131,752	—	131,752
	<u>6,717,168</u>	<u>187,128</u>	<u>6,904,296</u>

5. General Assembly resolution 831 (IX) concurred in a decision of the Economic and Social Council that a Working Capital and Reserve Fund be accumulated out of contributions. The purpose is to have a continuing operating reserve available (a) to permit advances to be made to participating organizations pending the receipt of contributions; (b) to facilitate currency management; and (c) to provide for such other purposes as may be approved from time to time by the Technical Assistance Committee. The size of the Fund is in the discretion of the Technical Assistance Committee and the immediate goal is \$12,000,000. The fund, as at 31 December 1955, amounted to \$9,000,000 after \$3,000,000 had been added in 1955.

6. The balance at credit of the Special Account was \$17,540,929 as at 31 December 1955. This includes the \$9,000,000 Working Capital and Reserve Fund, and undrawn appropriations and local cost apportionments.

#### ALLOCATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

7. As noted in paragraph 3 above, \$8,230,575 was made available to the United Nations as a participating organization. Statement I adds \$1,779,600 to the amount, it representing moneys appropriated by the General Assembly under part VIII of the 1955 budget:

<i>Section</i>	<i>\$</i>
26. Technical Assistance Administration.....	386,700
27. Economic development.....	479,400
28. Social activities.....	768,500
29. Public administration.....	145,000
	<u>1,779,600</u>

A first charge against this \$10,010,175 was \$201,421 over-obligated in 1954. After subtracting that and \$11,544 for exchange adjustments the organization had \$9,797,210 available for its technical assistance activities. Obligations incurred totalled \$7,532,952, a summary classification being:

	<i>\$</i>
Project costs.....	6,375,381
Indirect project costs.....	794,069
Administrative costs.....	363,502
	<u>7,532,952</u>

8. The substantial balance of \$2,264,258 remaining uncommitted was mainly due to the fact that the United Nations was allocated \$2,411,561 in special non-convertible currencies. Obligations were incurred in these currencies to the equivalent of \$346,164 and orders were placed for equipment and supplies for a further \$1,125,635. However, towards the year-end notices were received to the effect that deliveries would not be made prior to 31 December 1955. Thereupon, the \$1,125,635 of recorded unliquidated obligations against special non-convertible currencies were cancelled and also \$80,016 of like obligations recorded against regular allocations. All were transferred to the 1956 accounts. For this reason, there was not the lag in putting into effect United Nations programmes to the degree that a comparison of financial statistics might imply.

9. A review of unliquidated obligations (as required by resolution 885 (IX)) was made to ascertain whether, in the opinion of the Board, any funds were "unnecessarily recorded as unliquidated obligations". The position at the year-end was:

	<i>Disbursements</i> <i>\$</i>	<i>Unliquidated</i> <i>obligations</i> <i>\$</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>\$</i>
Project costs.....	4,302,468	2,072,913	6,375,381
Indirect project costs.....	734,722	59,347	794,069
Administrative costs.....	332,119	31,383	363,502
	<u>5,369,309</u>	<u>2,163,643</u>	<u>7,532,952</u>

\$1,192,552 of the \$2,163,643 total of unliquidated obligations is related to fellowship awards and is substantially larger than at the previous year-end. The explanation is: TAB in 1954 modified a previous rule by deciding that participating organizations may record obligations for fellowship awards prior to arrangements with host countries being completed and programmes of studies approved. Because of this, the Board of Auditors is not in position to judge whether all of the \$1,192,552 will ultimately be required. The Board's tests were sufficiently extensive to indicate that other types of unliquidated obligations are for reasonable amounts, although it was observed that one for \$24,200 had proven to be an under-estimate, accounts totalling over \$53,000 having been received by the time the audit was completed. In this instance surrounding circumstances were unusual, therefore audit exception is not taken to the under-estimating of probable cost.

10. Expenditures to the extent of \$77,515 were also incurred for special technical assistance work, the United Nations cost being directly reimbursed either by benefiting Governments or by organizations sponsoring the projects.

ALLOCATION FOR TAB SECRETARIAT

11. The allocation was \$1,416,800 and obligations to a total of \$1,356,084 were incurred, a division being:

	\$
Resident representatives' and liaison officers' costs.....	972,186
Central administrative costs.....	383,898
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	1,356,084
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Compared with 1954 there was an increase of \$86,341 in field costs and a decrease of \$7,569 in central administrative costs.

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8 May 1956

