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INFORMATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Report by the Secretary-General

1. Since the issuance of document E/R.1, the Secretary-General has received replies to his communication on bilateral assistance to the less developed countries from the Governments of Spain and Sweden.
2. The communication from the Government of Spain indicates that no schedule of repayments has been agreed for certain reimbursable advances to Spanish Morocco described in document E/R.1 as loans. To be comparable with the data for other countries, \$23.8 million in commitments and \$24 million in expenditures should, therefore, be transferred from the heading "loans" of Table XV of document E/R.1 to the heading "grants".
3. The communication from the Government of Sweden points out that the scope of Sweden's economic assistance is expanding and gives the following data on the current position. An agreement concerning technical assistance in the field of health was entered into by the Governments of Sweden and Ethiopia on 16 March 1957; total costs payable by Sweden over a five-year period are estimated at \$0.3 million. Total costs incurred from 13 October 1954 to 30 June 1957 in providing an Institute of Building Technology in Addis Ababa are estimated at \$0.3 million and expenditure is expected to rise considerably during the fiscal year 1957/1958. On 4 June 1955 an agreement was concluded between the Governments of Sweden and Pakistan

1/ This addendum, previously issued as a restricted document under symbol E/R.1/Add.1, is now placed in the main series of documents of the Economic and Social Council and is no longer considered restricted.

concerning technical assistance in the field of vocational training; appropriations to 30 June 1957 amount to \$0.5 million, of which expenditures of \$0.2 million for the construction and equipment of a vocational school have been incurred.

Expenditure on training in Sweden for participants from under-developed countries amounted to less than \$0.1 million during the three years to 31 December 1956.

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