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ASSESSMENT OF STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS THAT PARTICIPATE IN  
VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Following its review of rates of assessment for States not Members of the United Nations that participate in various United Nations activities, the Committee, at its thirty-sixth session in 1976 recommended that the former Republic of South Viet Nam (which replaced the Republic of Viet Nam on 1 May 1975) be assessed at the rate of 0.02 per cent for 1977-1979. <sup>1/</sup> At the same time, the Committee also recommended that the former Democratic Republic of Viet Nam be assessed at the rate of 0.04 per cent for 1976 and at 0.02 per cent for 1977-1979 in the event of its participation in an United Nations activity.

2. However, in July 1976, following the conclusion of the Committee's session, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam succeeded to the two States previously existing in that country. As a consequence rates for the two States were no longer valid and were deleted from the draft resolution which the Fifth Committee recommended to the General Assembly for adoption.

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<sup>1/</sup> The Republic of Viet Nam had been assessed at the rate of 0.06 per cent for 1974-1976.

3. At its thirty-seventh session in 1977, the Committee's recommendations were as follows:

	<u>Percentage contribution</u>
<u>Former Republic of South Viet Nam</u>	
For 1976 (until 2 July)	1/2 of 0.06
<u>Socialist Republic of Viet Nam</u>	
For 1976 (from 3 July)	1/2 of 0.02
For 1977	0.03
For 1978 - 1979	0.03

On 20 September 1977, following the conclusion of the Committee's session, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam was admitted to membership in the Organization. Once again, therefore, the recommendations of the Committee for 1977, 1978 and 1979 were no longer valid and at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Committee, the rates proposed for those years were deleted from the draft resolution before the Fifth Committee.

4. In connexion with the remaining rates for 1976, at the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 24 October 1977, the representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam proposed that the rate of one-half of 0.06 per cent, which had been recommended for the former Republic of South Viet Nam be reduced to one-half of 0.02 per cent. Alternatively, the recommendation could be deleted pending further consideration of the matter by the Committee on Contributions. He explained that his country had just emerged from a war and faced serious economic problems. Furthermore, the rate of one-half of 0.06 per cent had been based on figures which were no longer applicable since the Republic of South Viet Nam no longer existed. On the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly decided to delete the proposed rates of assessment for 1976.

5. Accordingly, the Committee on Contributions will be required to review its previous recommendations and to advise the General Assembly on percentage contributions, as follows:

Former Republic of South Viet Nam

For 1976 (until 2 July)

Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

For 1976 (from 3 July)

For 1977 (until 19 September)

6. The Committee will recall that in establishing rates of assessment for non-member States, it has been its practice to apply the same principles as are used for Member States. In the present case, and for the purpose of the Committee's recommendations for 1976, there is attached as annex I and annex II national income and related data for 1969-1971 for the former Republic of South Viet Nam and for the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, respectively. Annex III provides similar data for the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for 1972-1974, these latter data being the basis for the formulation of percentage contributions for 1977.

7. It might be noted that in the case of those States which have been both Members and non-members during the same full year it has been the practice of the Committee, to reduce the percentage contribution of the State as a non-member by its proportionate percentage contribution as a State Member of the Organization.

8. The rates recommended by the Committee for non-member States are subject to consultation with the Governments concerned prior to approval by the General Assembly.

Annex I

FORMER REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

(succeeded by the former Republic of South Viet Nam in May 1975)

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1969-1971 average</u>
National income <sup>1/</sup> (million piastres)	533 300	770 800	934 000	
Exchange rate <sup>2/</sup> (piastres per U.S. dollar)	154	181	286	
National income (million U.S. dollars)	3 476	4 259	3 266	3 667
Mid-year population <sup>3/</sup> (millions)		18.33		
Per capita income (U.S. dollars)				200

1/ Source: Reply to the U.N. National Accounts Questionnaire, 1974 edition.

2/ Source: For 1969 and 1970, see the derivation on the following page. For 1971, I.M.F. International Financial Statistics (July, 1972), a monthly average of the parallel market rates.

3/ Source: U.N. Demographic Yearbook, 1972.

## FORMER REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM (Continued)

	<u>Derivation of exchange rates</u>		
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Viet-Nam implicit price deflator (1967 = 100)	100.0	141.6	175.8
U.S. implicit price deflator (1963 = 100)	109.8	119.4	125.9
U.S. implicit price deflator (1967 = 100)	100.0	108.7	114.7
Ratio:			
<u>Viet-Nam implicit index.</u>			
U.S. implicit index	100.0	130.3	153.3
Parity rate (piastres per U.S. dollar)	118 $\frac{1}{2}$	154	161

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$\frac{1}{2}$  Official rate, I.M.F. International Financial Statistics (July 1972).

Annex II

VIET NAM

(combined data for the former Republic of Viet Nam  
and the former Democratic Republic of Viet Nam)

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1969-1971 average</u>
National income <u>1/</u> (million U.S. dollars)	5 175	6 121	5 496	5 584
Mid-year population <u>2/</u> (millions)		39.19		
Per capita income (U.S. dollars)				142

1/ Source: Reply of 15 February 1977 to the Committee on Contributions questionnaire.

2/ Source: U.N. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, March 1978.

Annex III

VIET NAM

(combined data for the former Republic of Viet Nam  
 and the former Democratic Republic of Viet Nam)

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1972-1974 average</u>
National income <sup>1/</sup> (million U.S. dollars)	5 148	5 528	6 245	5 640
Mid-year population <sup>2/</sup> (millions)		42.70		
Per capita income (U.S. dollars)				132

<sup>1/</sup> Source: Reply of 15 February 1977 to the Committee on Contributions questionnaire.

<sup>2/</sup> Source: V.N. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, March 1978.