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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Financial Position as at 30 September 1968

Note by the Director-General

1. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Resolution approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 20 November 1967, the Director-General has the honour to report on the status of budgetary expenditure over the first nine months of 1968. This report further contains information as at 30 September 1968 on the status of budgetary income, accounts receivable and the Working Capital Fund.
 2. The final position for the financial year 1968 regarding any appropriations of savings, transfers of credits between sections of the budget or advances from the Working Capital Fund will be reported as soon as possible after the closure of the financial year.
- I. BUDGETARY EXPENDITURE**
3. The original appropriations for 1968, authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, were \$3,228,000; additional appropriations in respect of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT amounted to \$90,000 which sum was contributed by the United Nations in order to cover the expenses arising directly from the conversion of the Trade Centre into a joint Centre (document L/3095). In addition, credits of \$50,500 were authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to be financed within the 1968 budget. These authorized credits are to cover (a) the additional cost arising from the increase in the General Service category salary scales estimated at \$18,000 (document L/2979); (b) the cost of the special Tariff Study agreed to by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twenty-fourth session estimated at \$26,000 (document L/2993); and (c) increase of \$6,500 in the representation allowance payable to the Director-General (document C/77).
 4. Disbursements up to 30 September 1968 amounted to \$2,221,643.
 5. Total 1968 budgetary expenditure as at 31 December 1968 is estimated at \$3,278,000. This figure includes estimated expenditure of roughly \$24,000 for the conversion into a conference room of the office hitherto occupied by the Director-General at the Villa Le Bocage (document L/3106). On the basis of this estimation it is anticipated that the financial year will close with a surplus of approximately \$40,000 on the expenditure budget. This estimated surplus is mainly due to expected savings on the items for (a) salaries and common staff costs;

(b) consultants; and (c) travel. The anticipated savings result mainly from the fact that some senior posts, including those of the Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General in charge of External Relations and Public Information, remained fully or partially vacant during the year.

II. BUDGETARY INCOME

6. Income received up to the end of September 1968 amounted to 90.61 per cent of the income budget. The corresponding figure was 92.69 per cent in 1967.

	Income budget for 1968 US\$	Receipts up to 30.9.1968 US\$	%
Contributions for 1968 as originally assessed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES	3,158,000	2,895,388	91.68
Contribution for 1968 assessed on Ireland after the adoption of the scale of contributions	-	15,790	-
United Nations contribution to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	90,000	30,000	33.33
Miscellaneous income	70,000	65,237	93.20
	3,318,000	3,006,415	90.61

7. Miscellaneous income is now estimated at \$108,000. The estimated excess income of \$38,000 is due to: (a) increased interest on investments as a consequence of high interest rates obtained on short-term investments and early collection of contributions (\$27,000); (b) funds received for administrative overhead costs relating to the Dag Hammarskjöld Training Course on Export Promotion (\$7,000); and (c) other small, non-recurring items.

III. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

8. Contributions due by contracting parties as at 30 September 1968 are shown in the following table:

	1962/1965 US\$	1966 US\$	1967 US\$	1968 US\$	Total US\$
Argentina				25,260.00	25,260.00
Brazil				27,790.00	27,790.00
Cambodia			500.00	3,790.00	4,290.00
Chad				54.86	54.86
Congo (Brazzaville)				3,790.00	3,790.00
Guba				15,160.00	15,160.00
Dahomey				3,790.00	3,790.00
Dominican Republic	(1962) 5,624.00 (1963) 5,750.00 (1964) 6,600.00 (1965) 8,740.00 26,714.00				
Gabon		11,640.00	9,000.00	3,790.00	51,144.00
Ghana				57.05	57.05
Haiti	(1963) 2,492.11 (1964) 2,500.00 (1965) 2,500.00 7,492.11		5,172.51	6,320.00	11,492.51
India		2,500.00	3,000.00	3,790.00	16,782.11
Israel				43,900.00	43,900.00
Italy				12,320.00	12,320.00
Malawi				5,833.82	5,833.82
Malaysia				465.00	465.00
Nicaragua			3,000.00	22,110.00	22,110.00
Niger				3,790.00	6,790.00
Nigeria				81.28	81.28
Peru	(1965) 132.80	11,640.00	15,000.00	13,890.00	13,890.00
Rhodesia		11,640.00	9,000.00	13,580.00	40,352.30
Rwanda			3,000.00	6,630.00	27,270.00
Spain				3,790.00	6,790.00
Upper Volta	(1965) 2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	38,840.00	38,840.00
	36,838.91	39,920.00	50,672.51	262,612.01	390,043.43

9. The following contributions have been received by the secretariat since 30 September 1968: \$25,260.00 from Argentina; \$27,790.00 from Brazil; \$12,320.00 from Israel; and \$38,840.00 from Spain. In addition an amount of \$5,337.68, due from Syria since 1950 and 1951, has now been received. The Government of India has advised the secretariat that their contribution will be remitted shortly.

10. The balance of \$60,000 due from the United Nations as contribution to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT has also been received since 30 September 1968.

11. Miscellaneous accounts receivable as at 30 September 1968 amount to \$39,522.55. Of this amount outstanding invoices in respect of sales of publications and other services rendered, issued in 1966 and earlier, total \$1,491.20.

IV. WORKING CAPITAL FUND

12. At 30 September 1968 the principal of the Working Capital Fund stood at \$358,874.

13. The following advances assessed on contracting parties were outstanding at 30 September 1968:

	<u>US\$</u>
Dominican Republic	14.83
Haiti	14.83
Nicaragua	14.83
Peru	14.83
Rhodesia	363.83
Upper Volta	428.00
	<u>851.15</u>

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