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STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

1. The present document is published in accordance with a decision taken by the General Assembly at its 2444th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1975, that the Secretary-General should provide Member States, on a biannual basis, with information, for each Member State, on the amounts assessed, paid and owed to the regular budget and on continuing operations for which there is a special assessment. This decision was taken, *inter alia*, in response to the Secretary-General's appeal to Member States to help to ease the cash-flow position of the United Nations by forwarding their contributions more promptly.

2. The status of contributions is issued at this time in view of the continuing financial difficulties of the United Nations and the desire of Member States to be kept informed of the financial situation. The following annexes are attached:

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4. As at 31 December 1996, contributions of \$1,190.6 million had been received for the regular budget. Of that amount, \$754.8 million constitutes payments against the current year's assessment, representing 66.4 per cent of that assessment. At the same time last year, 66.3 per cent of the current year's assessment had been received.

Annex I

STATUS OF ADVANCES DUE THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND
FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997
as at 31 December 1996
(United States dollars)

As at 31 December 1996, all Member States, with the exception of the following, have paid fully the advances due the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 1996.

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Balance outstanding as at 31 December 1996</u>
Iraq	10 000

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