

98—Official Hospitality—Increase \$10,000

In view of Canada's increasing responsibilities in the world and the greater frequency with which visitors seek to come to this country the amount required for this vote has been steadily increasing. We therefore consider that at least the amount shown will be required during 1957-58 for this vote.

105—Assessment for Membership in International Organizations—Decrease \$54,718

	Increase \$	Decrease \$
United Nations Organization.....	—	121,014
Food and Agriculture Organization.....	—	2,167
International Labour Organization.....	12,191	—
U.N.E.S.C.O.....	37,686	—
International Civil Aviation Organization.....	778	—
World Health Organization.....	42,443	—
Commonwealth Economic Committee.....	3,474	—
Commonwealth Shipping Committee.....	199	—
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.....	—	579
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Cost of Civil Administration).....	—	27,729
Total Decrease.....		54,718

United Nations Organization—Decrease \$121,014

The figure shown for this contribution was based on the latest information available when the 1957-58 Estimates were being prepared. Because of the delayed opening of the eleventh session of the General Assembly neither the budget nor the assessment rate had been finalized so only an estimated amount could be included. However, it was believed that there would be a reduction in Canada's assessment rate from 3.63% to 3.15%, making a decrease here possible.

International Labour Organization—Increase \$12,191

Although there is a decrease in Canada's assessment rate from 3.63% to 3.6% as a result of new members joining the organization, there is an increase in Canada's assessment due to ILO's increased budget. Part of this increased budget was on account of increased fixed costs such as staff leave allowances, salary increases and an extra ILO meeting.

U.N.E.S.C.O.—Increase \$37,686

This increase is caused in part by a proposed increase in the 1957 Budget of UNESCO and in part by a rise in the Canadian assessment from 2.77% to 3.08%. The increase in the budget includes an amount for partial repayment of the loan guaranteed by the French Government for the construction of the new permanent headquarters building.

World Health Organization—Increase \$42,443

The increase here is due for the most part to a rise in the gross assessment budget for 1957 over the 1956 one but also reflects a small rise in the Canadian assessment rate. Most of the increase in the budget arises from the expansion of the operational programme with particular reference to the field of malaria control.

Commonwealth Economic Committee—Increase \$3,474

A rise in the budget of this Committee for 1957 has resulted in an increase in the Canadian assessment for this year. This rise was necessary to meet the rising level of costs of the Committee's activities, brought about both by increases in its normal operating expenses and by the development and improvement of its work to increase its service to participating Commonwealth countries.