

While a number of reservations were made by delegations on recommended individual assessments, the scale proposed by the Contributions Committee was widely supported in the Fifth Committee and adopted by the General Assembly by 64 votes in favour (Canada) to none against with 5 abstentions.

At present the statistical and other information on which the Committee on Contributions bases its recommended scale of assessments is not made available to member states. At the thirteenth session a number of delegations expressed the view that access to this information would facilitate consideration of the Committee's recommendations. Other delegations, including the Canadian, while sympathizing with this view, pointed out that the analysis of statistical data was a complicated task requiring scientific training which should be left to the Committee on Contributions, a body of experts appointed by the General Assembly for that specific purpose; that it would not be desirable to transfer the responsibility for the review of statistical data from the expert scrutiny of the Contributions Committee to the Fifth Committee. After considerable discussion the Assembly adopted a resolution by 42 votes to 2 with 20 abstentions (Canada) requesting the Committee on Contributions to consider an arrangement which would enable member states to acquaint themselves with the statistical and other information at the Committee's disposal, and to submit its recommendations to the fourteenth session.

### Extra-Budgetary Funds

A number of special programmes, financed outside the regular assessed budget by voluntary contributions have been established by the General Assembly to provide aid to children and refugees and technical and other assistance to member states. Canada's contributions to these programmes for 1957, 1958 and 1959 were as follows:

	1957	1958	1959 <sup>1</sup>
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	750,000 <sup>2</sup>	2,000,000 <sup>3</sup>	2,000,000 <sup>3</sup>
UN Refugee Fund (UNREF)	200,000	200,000	290,000
UN Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA) <sup>4</sup>	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
UN Special Fund <sup>5</sup>	—	—	2,000,000 <sup>4</sup>

Following the practice of recent years the thirteenth session of the Assembly held a special pledging conference for announcing contributions to EPTA. At the same conference members announced their contributions to the newly established Special Fund. As at the twelfth session, a separate con-

<sup>1</sup>These 1959 contributions are subject to appropriation by Parliament.

<sup>2</sup>This contribution was for a period of 18 months.

<sup>3</sup>Includes a special contribution of \$1.5 million for the purchase of wheat flour given to UNRWA.

<sup>4</sup>Contributions stated in U.S. funds.

<sup>5</sup>This Fund was established by the General Assembly at its twelfth session. Administrative and operational machinery for it were approved at the thirteenth session and it is expected to begin operations in 1959.