ALTERNATIVE SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The scale could be as follows:

(a) for those countries whose trade is small (about 0.5 per cent or less) the payment of a minimum contribution which could be for 1957 US $2,000 which corresponds to a little more than 0.5 per cent of the total contribution of the contracting parties. In order to avoid freak results, the calculations have been made on the basis of 0.55 per cent or less;

(b) for the other countries the contribution would be based on the actual share of the total trade of the contracting parties (after having excluded the smaller countries) and I suggest taking for the calculation of that share the total trade in the last three years which are available, i.e. 1953-55.

It might be provided that the shares would be revised after two or three years and that they would take into account the total trade of the last three years which are then available.