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Report by the Director of BIRPI

SUMMARY

This document shows each member country of the Berne Union the approximate amount of its yearly contribution for the years 1971 and beyond, on the basis of the proposed draft program and budget (see document AB/I/7).

1. It results from the document containing the draft program and budget for the years 1971 to 1973 that the proposed amounts of the contributions of the countries of the Berne Union are as follows:

for 1971:	1,250,000 Swiss francs
for 1972:	1,350,000 Swiss francs
for 1973:	1,500,000 Swiss francs

2. The share of each member country depends on the class it has chosen, as well as on the number and class of each of the other member countries. Since the latter factors are subject to variation, it may be that the share of each member country will, in fact, be different from the amounts indicated below. However, the variations, if any, will in all probability be small, since the number of the member countries and the class chosen by each is not expected to change considerably.

3. According to the present situation, the contribution per country and per year would thus be as follows (in thousands of Swiss francs):

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Total Contributions	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Class I	66	72	79
Class II	52	57	63
Class III	40	43	48
Class IV	26	28	31
Class V	14	15	16
Class VI	7	8	9
Class VII	2	3	3

4. The amounts concerning Classes I to VI were communicated through diplomatic channels by the Swiss Government, as Supervisory Authority of BIRPI, to each of the member countries of the Berne Union in November 1969. At the time of writing this report, no country belongs to Class VII.

5. It is recalled that, at the date of this report, the member countries of the Berne Union belong to the following classes:

Class I: France, Germany (Federal Republic), Italy, United Kingdom (4 countries, each contributing approximately 5.3% of the total contributions).

Class II: Canada, Spain (2 countries, each contributing approximately 4.2% of the total contributions).

Class III: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland (8 countries, each contributing approximately 3.2% of the total contributions).

Class IV: Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, India, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, South Africa, Yugoslavia (10 countries, each contributing approximately 2.1% of the total contributions).

Class V: Israel, New Zealand, Poland, Rumania (4 countries, each contributing approximately 1.1% of the total contributions).

Class VI: Austria, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Ceylon, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Kinshasa), Cyprus, Dahomey, Gabon, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay (30 countries, each contributing approximately 0.6% of the total contributions) (Upper Volta's denunciation will become effective on September 20, 1970).

Class VII: As already indicated, this class, established by the Stockholm Act (1967) of the Berne Convention, has so far not been chosen by any member country.

6. As far as countries members of the Assembly of the Berne Union are concerned, the decision on the amount of the total contributions is part of the decision on the budget (see Stockholm Act, Articles 22(2)(a)(vi) and 25). As far as the other member countries of the Berne Union are concerned, a unanimous decision by them on the ceiling of the contributions is required (see Brussels Act, Article 23).

7. The Conference of Representatives of the Berne Union, consisting of countries of the Berne Union which are not members of the Assembly of the Berne Union, is invited to make a decision endorsing the suggested amounts on the understanding that --as in the case of countries which are members of the Assembly (see Stockholm Act, Article 25(4)(f))-- the 1973 ceiling will apply also for the years after 1973 until a new decision is made.

