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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD

(Proposal for a contribution by the host country to replenish the reserves of the United Nations Pension Fund by the refund of assessed real estate and sales taxes in New York State.)

Saudi Arabia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Considering that the diplomatic community of the United Nations living in and outside of New York City, with the exception of heads of missions residing in tax exempt premises, are in effect indirectly paying real estate taxes on offices of their missions as well as on their personal residences,

Taking into account that the exemption from the current sales tax is usually relinquished by members of the United Nations community when purchases made amount only to a few dollars at a time,

1. Requests the creation of a Committee of Four, to include the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to take up the question of assessing the amount of taxes that are directly or indirectly levied on members of the United Nations diplomatic community, with a view of having these taxes refunded to the United Nations;
2. Appeals to the host country, only for tax purposes, to consider the alien staff members of the United Nations Secretariat as enjoying tax exemption, only in so far as the assessment mentioned in the preceding paragraph is concerned;
3. Further appeals to the host country, and especially to the Mayor of the City of New York, to give the necessary consideration to this Committee which will negotiate on behalf of the United Nations;
4. Decides that none of the funds that may be so received from United States sources, shall be used to reduce the percentage of contributions of the United Nations or of its employees to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.