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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, 238 (III) of 18 November 1948, and 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952, regarding the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations among its Members and the fixing of the maximum contribution of any one Member State,

Noting that when the maximum contribution of any one Member State was fixed at 33.33 per cent effective 1 January 1954, the United Nations consisted of sixty Member States,

Noting further that since 1 January 1954, twenty-two new Member States have been admitted to the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 1087 (XI) of 21 December 1956, whereby the percentage contributions of the first sixteen new Member States admitted since 1 January 1954, were incorporated into the regular scale of assessments for 1956 and 1957 and these were applied to reduce the percentage contributions of all Member States except that of the highest contributor and those of the Member States paying minimum assessments,

Noting that there are now six new Member States, Ghana, Tunisia, the Federation of Malaya, Japan, Morocco and Sudan, whose percentage contributions have not yet been fixed by the Committee on Contributions or incorporated into the 100 per cent scale of assessments,

Considering that in an organization of sovereign states the maximum budgetary contribution of any one Member State must be fixed not only with reference to

capacity to pay but also with reference to the total number of sovereign Member States,

Decides that:

(a) in principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations shall not exceed thirty per cent of the total;

(b) the percentage contributions fixed by the Committee on Contributions for Japan, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia for 1956 and 1957, and for Ghana and the Federation of Malaya for 1957 shall constitute miscellaneous income of the United Nations;

(c) the Committee on Contributions shall take the following steps in preparing scales of assessment for 1958 and subsequent years:

(1) The percentage contributions fixed by the Committee on Contributions for Ghana, Japan, the Federation of Malaya, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia for 1958 shall be incorporated into the 100 per cent scale for 1958. This incorporation shall be accomplished by applying the total amount of the percentage contributions of the six Member States named above to (a) a reduction in the percentage contribution of the highest contributor - but in no event to a percentage below 30 per cent - and (b) to consequential reductions in the percentage contributions of those Member States affected by the application of the per capita ceiling principle. These reductions shall not affect the assessment percentages of other Member States in the 1958 scale.

(2) In establishing scales of assessments for subsequent years, the Committee on Contributions shall complete the reduction of the contribution of the highest contributor to 30 per cent by the application thereto, to the extent necessary, of contribution percentages fixed for additional Member States which may be admitted and by the application thereto of any increases in the percentage contributions of Member States which may be found necessary by the Committee on Contributions because of increases in relative per capita income. The percentage contributions of Member States shall not be increased for years subsequent to 1958 because of the provisions of this resolution, that is solely for the purpose of reducing the percentage contribution of the highest contributor to 30 per cent.