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

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informal consultations

A

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the obligation of Member States, under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

Bearing in mind rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

1. Resolves that the scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the United Nations regular budget for 1989 and 1990, and also 1991 unless a new scale is approved earlier by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions in response to draft resolution B below, shall be:

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Afghanistan	0.01
Albania	0.01
Algeria	0.15
Angola	0.01
Antigua and Barbuda	0.01
Argentina	0.66
Australia	1.57
Austria	0.74
Bahamas	0.02
Bahrain	0.02

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Bangladesh	0.01
Barbados	0.01
Belgium	1.17
Belize	0.01
Benin	0.01
Bhutan	0.01
Bolivia	0.01
Botswana	0.01
Brazil	1.45
Brunei Darussalam	0.04
Bulgaria	0.15
Burkina Faso	0.01
Burma	0.01
Burundi	0.01
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.33
Cameroon	0.01
Canada	3.09
Cape Verde	0.01
Central African Republic	0.01
Chad	0.01
Chile	0.08
China	0.79
Colombia	0.14
Comoros	0.01
Congo	0.01
Costa Rica	0.02
Côte d'Ivoire	0.02
Cuba	0.09
Cyprus	0.02
Czechoslovakia	0.66
Democratic Kampuchea	0.01
Democratic Yemen	0.01
Denmark	0.69
Djibouti	0.01
Dominica	0.01
Dominican Republic	0.03
Ecuador	0.03
Egypt	0.07
El Salvador	0.01
Equatorial Guinea	0.01
Ethiopia	0.01
Fiji	0.01
Finland	0.51
France	6.25
Gabon	0.03
Gambia	0.01
German Democratic Republic	1.28
Germany, Federal Republic of	8.08

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Ghana	0.01
Greece	0.40
Grenada	0.01
Guatemala	0.02
Guinea	0.01
Guinea-Bissau	0.01
Guyana	0.01
Haiti	0.01
Honduras	0.01
Hungary	0.21
Iceland	0.03
India	0.37
Indonesia	0.15
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.69
Iraq	0.12
Ireland	0.18
Israel	0.21
Italy	3.99
Jamaica	0.01
Japan	11.38
Jordan	0.01
Kenya	0.01
Kuwait	0.29
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.01
Lebanon	0.01
Lesotho	0.01
Liberia	0.01
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.28
Luxembourg	0.06
Madagascar	0.01
Malawi	0.01
Malaysia	0.11
Maldives	0.01
Mali	0.01
Malta	0.01
Mauritania	0.01
Mauritius	0.01
Mexico	0.92
Mongolia	0.01
Morocco	0.04
Mozambique	0.01
Nepal	0.01
Netherlands	1.65
New Zealand	0.24
Nicaragua	0.01
Niger	0.01
Nigeria	0.20
Norway	0.55

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Oman	0.02
Pakistan	0.06
Panama	0.02
Papua New Guinea	0.01
Paraguay	0.03
Peru	0.06
Philippines	0.09
Poland	0.56
Portugal	0.18
Qatar	0.05
Romania	0.19
Rwanda	0.01
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.01
Saint Lucia	0.01
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.01
Samoa	0.01
Sao Tome and Principe	0.01
Saudi Arabia	1.02
Senegal	0.01
Seychelles	0.01
Sierra Leone	0.01
Singapore	0.11
Solomon Islands	0.01
Somalia	0.01
South Africa	0.45
Spain	1.95
Sri Lanka	0.01
Sudan	0.01
Suriname	0.01
Swaziland	0.01
Sweden	1.21
Syrian Arab Republic	0.04
Thailand	0.10
Togo	0.01
Trinidad and Tobago	0.05
Tunisia	0.03
Turkey	0.32
Uganda	0.01
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1.25
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	9.99
United Arab Emirates	0.19
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.86
United Republic of Tanzania	0.01
United States of America	25.00
Uruguay	0.04
Vanuatu	0.01
Venezuela	0.57
Viet Nam	0.01

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Yemen	0.01
Yugoslavia	0.46
Zaire	0.01
Zambia	0.01
Zimbabwe	<u>0.02</u>
	<u>100.00</u>

2. Requests the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with its mandate and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to consider representations made by Member States during the forty-third session of the General Assembly on their respective assessments and to advise the Assembly of its recommendations for possible adjustments to allow the Assembly to take a decision at its forty-fourth session;

3. Resolves further that:

(a) In accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1991, or earlier as specified in paragraph 1, when a report shall be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration at its forty-sixth session;

(b) Notwithstanding the terms of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the calendar years 1989, 1990 and 1991 in currencies other than United States dollars;

(c) In accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, States which are not members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1989, 1990 and 1991 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates, unless modified as specified in paragraph 1:

<u>Non-member State</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.05
Holy See	0.01
Liechtenstein	0.01
Monaco	0.01
Nauru	0.01
Republic of Korea	0.22
San Marino	0.01
Switzerland	1.08
Tonga	0.01
Tuvalu	0.01

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the scale of assessments and, in particular, resolutions 39/247 B of 12 April 1985 and 42/208 of 11 December 1987,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions 1/ and noting with appreciation the efforts of the Committee,

Bearing in mind the evolution of the world economic situation and its impact on the capacity to pay of Member States,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-third session of the General Assembly, in particular on the need for a substantial improvement of the existing methodology and criteria for the determination of the scale of assessments, and the need for information on the steps taken in the preparation of the scale of assessments,

Also taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-third session on the ceiling and floor levels,

1. Reconfirms that the capacity to pay of Member States is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments;

2. Requests the Committee on Contributions, in order to ensure fairness and equity in the scale and to make the methodology transparent, easily understandable, stable over time and as simple as possible, to undertake a comprehensive review of all aspects of the existing methodology, and to this end:

(a) To continue to monitor the improvements in the area of the availability and comparability of national income data, and to continue its work on the PARE methodology;

(b) To seek more comprehensive and systematic information on external debt with a view to ensuring that this factor is adequately taken into account in the calculations for determining the capacity to pay;

(c) To undertake a comprehensive review of the upper limit of the low per capita income allowance formula and the application of the formula;

(d) To review, in the light of the proposals made in the Fifth Committee:

(i) The statistical base period and its application;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/43/11 and Corr.1).

- (ii) The scheme to avoid excessive variations of individual rates between successive scales;
- (iii) The possibility of excluding allocation of any additional points as a result of the application of the scheme of limits to those Member States with a very low per capita income;

and to include in its report the implications of the various options considered;

(e) To limit the use of ad hoc adjustments in the preparation of the scale to the minimum possible, keeping in mind that in case such ad hoc adjustments are necessary, they should be made on the basis of objective, rational and transparent considerations, applied uniformly, and to include in its reports on the preparation of future scales of assessments explicit information on the basis of which such ad hoc adjustments were made;

3. Requests the Committee on Contributions to examine, as a means of improving the current methodology, the possible use of other factors, including the situation of countries:

- (a) Whose economies depend on one or a few products or income sources;
- (b) Which suffered a real loss of income as a result of deteriorating terms of trade;
- (c) Which experience serious balance-of-payments (trade) problems or a negative net flow of resources;
- (d) Which have limited capacity to acquire convertible currencies;

4. Also requests the Committee on Contributions to continue its study on the concept of national income, as indicated in paragraph 47 of its report; 1/

5. Further requests the Committee on Contributions, in conducting the studies and reviews indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, to examine also the interrelationship of each of the elements as part of the overall methodology, bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication and negative impact of each individual element on the others in order to reflect capacity to pay;

6. Requests the Committee on Contributions to submit a report on the above-mentioned reviews and their implications for future scales of assessments, with illustrative examples, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Contributions with the facilities it requires to carry out its work, including supplementary assistance if necessary.

C

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the proposals contained in paragraph 64 of the report of the Committee on Contributions ^{1/} concerning the procedures for the collection of contributions from non-member States.
