

FIFTH COMMITTEE: SUB-COMMITTEE 1

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS
IN REGARD TO THE SCALES OF ASSESSMENT TO BE
APPLIED TO THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

1. The Fifth Committee requested the Sub-Committee on Contributions to give consideration to the scale of assessments to be applied to the International Refugee Organization.
2. The countries represented on the Sub-Committee were Canada, China, Egypt, France, Mexico, Poland, Netherlands, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Uruguay. Dr. Martinez-Cabanas (Mexico) was Chairman and Mr. Ganem (France), Rapporteur.
3. A letter received from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, dated 6 December 1946 on the undermentioned terms of reference, was read:

"It was unanimously decided, during the deliberations on this item in the Fifth Committee (thirty-sixth Meeting, 5 December 1946) to refer to your Sub-Committee the subject of the establishment of scales of contributions for the proposed administrative budget of the International Refugee Organization. The documents covering the subject matter discussed in the Fifth Committee are enclosed for your information."
4. The second letter, dated 11 December 1946, referred to the Sub-Committee the matter of the scale of contributions for the Operational (Part 1) Provisional Budget of the International Refugee Organization.
5. The Chairman pointed out that the Committee on the finances of the International Refugee Organization had three scales of contributions, which were set out in Part 3 of its Report - vide document A/C.5/W.8. The three scales related to:
 - (a) the administrative budget;
 - (b) the operational budget - Part 1 - other than large-scale resettlement; and

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(c) the operational budget - Part 2 - large-scale resettlement.

He pointed out that by a recent decision in the Fifth Committee, contributions to the operational budget - Part 2 - were made voluntary, so that no scale would be required for that budget. The Sub-Committee therefore had to consider only the scales applicable to (a) and (b) above.

6. It was noted that when the Committee on the finances of the International Refugee Organization adopted its scale of contributions for the administrative budget and the operational budget - Part 1 - it did so with the full understanding that these scales would be reconsidered in the light of the Report of the Standing Committee on Contributions as accepted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at the second part of its First Session. It was also noted that it was open to the fifty-four Members of the United Nations to become parties to the Constitution and the Sub-Committee had therefore to consider a scale on the hypothesis that all Members might join the Organization. The safeguard provided under Article 18 of the Constitution was that the Constitution could only come into force with at least fifteen States, whose required contributions to Part 1 of the operational budget amounted to not less than seventy-five per cent of the total.

7. The discussion then proceeded with regard to the scale of contributions applicable to the administrative budget and on the basis that the Members were acting in an advisory capacity with a view to determining the best scale of assessments possible; that participation in the discussion in no way involved the Member Nations they represented in any commitment.

8. As the Committee on the finances of the IRO had recommended that the scales set up by them should be reconsidered in the light of the Report of the Standing Committee on Contributions, the Sub-Committee was of the opinion that the scale for 1947 for the United Nations, as recommended to the Fifth Committee, should be applied to the administrative part of the budget of the IRO. It was decided that a recommendation to the Fifth Committee should

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be made in the following terms:

That the scale of assessment for the annual budget of United Nations for 1947, as set out in Appendix A, be adopted for the distribution of the administrative expenses of the International Refugee Organization.

9. The Sub-Committee then gave consideration to the scale of assessment to be adopted for the Operational Budget - Part 1 - other than large-scale resettlement. It was decided that the scale should be based on capacity to pay, and finally, the scale of assessment, as recommended by the Committee on Contributions, was taken as a basis for discussion. The Chairman also submitted a working paper which was considered in relation to the scale submitted by the Committee on Contributions.

10. The scale finally adopted and attached at Appendix B, reflects the decision of the Sub-Committee based on capacity to pay and taking into account such factors as the disabilities of the countries of origin of refugees and countries which suffered by invasion and the displacement of population. This scale is recommended for adoption.

11. The Representative of the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics desired it to be recorded that he advocated voluntary contributions and that he could not accept the scale as representing a basis of compulsory contributions to the International Refugee Organization by his Government.

APPENDIX A

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF THE IRO

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Argentina	1.85
Australia	1.97
Belgium	1.35
Bolivia	0.08
Brazil	1.85
Byelorussian S.S.R.	0.22
Canada	3.20
Chile	0.45
China	6.00
Colombia	0.37
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.29
Czechoslovakia	0.90
Denmark	0.79
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.05
Egypt	0.79
El Salvador	0.05
Ethiopia	0.08
France	6.00
Greece	0.17
Guatemala	0.05
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
India	3.95
Iran	0.45
Iraq	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.65
Mexico	0.63
Netherlands	1.40
New Zealand	0.50
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.50
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.20
Philippines	0.29
Poland	0.95
Saudi Arabia	0.08
Syria	0.12
South Africa	1.12
Turkey	0.91
Ukrainian S.S.R.	0.84
U.S.S.R.	6.34
United Kingdom	11.48
U.S.A.	39.89
Uruguay	0.18
Venezuela	0.27

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yugoslavia	0.33
Afghanistan	0.05
Iceland	0.04
Sweden	<u>2.35</u>
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APPENDIX B

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO PART I
OF THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET OF THE IRO

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Argentina	1.50
Australia	1.76
Belgium	1.00
Bolivia	0.07
Brazil	1.50
Byelorussian S.S.R.	0.16
Canada	3.50
Chile	0.39
China	2.50
Colombia	0.32
Costa Rica	0.02
Cuba	0.24
Czechoslovakia	0.80
Denmark	0.68
Dominican Republic	0.04
Ecuador	0.04
Egypt	0.68
El Salvador	0.03
Ethiopia	0.07
France	4.10
Greece	0.15
Guatemala	0.04
Haiti	0.02
Honduras	0.02
India	3.66
Iran	0.39
Iraq	0.15
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.02
Luxembourg	0.04
Mexico	0.54
Netherlands	0.90
New Zealand	0.44
Nicaragua	0.02
Norway	0.44
Panama	0.04
Paraguay	0.02
Peru	0.17
Philippines	0.24
Poland	0.61
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Syria	0.10
South Africa	1.00
Turkey	0.88
Ukrainian S.S.R.	0.62
U.S.S.R.	4.69 /
United Kingdom	14.75
United States	45.75

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Uruguay	0.15
Venezuela	0.23
Yugoslavia	0.23
Afghanistan	0.03
Iceland	0.02
Sweden	2.20
New Members	<u>1.92</u>
	100.00
