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

Note by the Chairman

On the basis of discussions and consultations held on this item since 29 January 1985, and taking into account the various views expressed by delegations, it would seem that it should be possible to reach agreement on the following text:

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THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Recalling its resolutions 31/95 A and B of 14 December 1976, 34/6 B of 25 October 1979, 36/231 A of 18 December 1981, 37/125 B of 17 December 1982 and 38/33 of 25 November 1983,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the debate on the reports of the Committee on Contributions and having considered the report and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions contained in document A/39/11,

Reconfirming that the (real) (relative) capacity to pay of Member States is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments,

Deeply concerned in general by the persistent critical economic and financial situation in the world and in particular by the external indebtedness and other serious economic problems which continue to adversely affect the capacity to pay of developing countries,

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Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Committee on Contributions relating to the aforesaid objectives;

1. Decides that in preparation of the next scale of assessments:
 - (a) The ten year statistical base period should be maintained;
 - (b) The upper limit of the low per capita income allowance formula shall be raised from \$2100 to a maximum of \$2200;
 - (c) A limit should be applied during the redistribution of relief to take into account the developmental status and developmental requirements of Member States;
 - (d) The individual rates of assessments of the least developed countries should not exceed the present level;
 - (e) The Scheme III, as defined in paragraph 49 of the report of the Committee on Contributions, should be used to limit the variations of individual rates of assessments between successive scales after the Committee on Contributions conducts a further review in the light of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, particularly in respect of scales below the level of 1% and makes further modifications where necessary;
2. Also requests the Committee on Contributions in preparation of the next scale of assessments to continue its efforts to devise additional relief arrangements for taking into account the serious economic and financial situation in the world in pursuance of the deliberations mentioned in paragraph 54 of its report;
3. Requests the Committee on Contributions to continue the studies mentioned in paragraphs 26 and 33 of its report and to undertake a further study to examine the conceptual feasibility of refining the present low per capita income allowance formula so that each Member State may be assigned a relevant base relief gradient on the basis of its national income, and where found feasible, to further report on the effect of this measure on the forthcoming scale of assessment;
4. Requests the Committee on Contributions to intensify its co-operation with other international organizations engaged in the development and collection of statistics and appeals to Member States to continue to co-operate with the United Nations Statistical Office by submitting national statistics on time;
5. Requests further the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Contributions with the facilities it requires to carry out its work including, if necessary, supplementary assistance.