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

Draft resolution recommended by the Vice-Chairman following
informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2118 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2961 C and D (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 31/95 A and B of 14 December 1976, 34/6 B of 25 October 1979,

Recalling also its resolution 36/231 A of 18 December 1981,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions 1/ and its addendum,

Recognizing once again the need for an improved methodology to assess the real capacity to pay of Member States, in order to increase the fairness and equity of the scale of assessments,

Taking into account the difficult economic and financial situation of Member States, in particular developing countries,

Mindful of the obligation of Member States under the Charter to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly according to the capacity to pay,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/37/11).

Noting the views expressed by the Member States on the new scale as well as on the integrity of the Committee on Contributions,

1. Reconfirms that the real capacity to pay of Member States is the fundamental criterion on which the scale of assessments is based;

2. Decides that the Committee on Contributions may extend its sessions, as necessary; in order to

(a) present to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session the study called for in operative paragraph 3 of resolution 36/231 A together with its proposals for methods which it should use in determining future scales of assessments;

(b) present to the General Assembly no later than the thirty-ninth session a set of guidelines for the collection and presentation of data as requested in operative paragraph 2 of resolution 36/231 A, taking into account the views expressed by a number of delegations concerning in particular the comparability of national income data;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Contributions with the facilities it requires to carry out its work and, if requested by the Committee, necessary supplementary assistance;

4. Requests the Committee on Contributions to report to the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly the progress made in carrying out the work called for in this resolution.
