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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Draft resolution prepared following informal consultations and
submitted by the Chairman to the Committee for consideration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 582 (VI) of 21 December 1951, 665 (VII) of
5 December 1952, 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2118 (XX) of 21 December 1965,
2961 C (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 31/95 A and B of 14 December 1976;

Noting a significant increase in the assessment of some Member States in the
proposed scale for the period 1980-1982 in relation to the previous scale;

Bearing in mind the continuing disparity between the economies of developed
and developing countries;

1. Reaffirms that the capacity of Member States to contribute towards the
payment of the budgetary expenditure of the United Nations is the fundamental
criterion on which scales of assessment are based;

2. Requests the Committee on Contributions to study in depth and report to
the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on ways and means of increasing
the fairness and equity of the scale of assessments, bearing in mind the debate
under agenda item 103 in the Fifth Committee during the thirty-fourth session of
the General Assembly, and in particular:

(a) Methods which would avoid excessive variations of individual rates of
assessment between two successive scales including ways of setting a percentage
limit or a percentage points limit or a combination of the two;

(b) Ways of taking into account conditions or circumstances which adversely
affect the capacity to pay of Member States and ways of setting objective criteria
by which these conditions or circumstances can be taken into account in the
elaboration of the scale of assessments;

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(c) Ways of taking into account the particular situation of Member States whose earnings depend heavily on one or a few products;

(d) Ways of updating the values of the per capita allowance formula and their effects on the scale of assessments;

(e) Ways of taking into account the different methods of national accounting of the Member States including the level of different inflation rates and their effects on the comparability of national income statistics.

(f) Ways of taking into account the concept of accumulated wealth and the ways by which criteria could be developed to enable it to be applied as a factor in setting the scale of assessments;

(g) Methods to ensure that all countries are assessed on data covering the same period of time so that data used are comparable;

(h) The effects of altering the statistical base period in the scale of assessment.
