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

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1983, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Contributions. 1/
3. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 4th, 8th to 12th, 14th, 19th, 35th and 36th meetings, on 30 September, 10 to 17, 21 and 26 October, and 11 and 14 November 1983. Comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item and the replies to queries raised are reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/38/SR.4, 8-12, 14, 19, 35 and 36).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

4. At the 19th meeting, on 26 October 1983, the representative of Canada, also on behalf of Morocco and Poland, introduced the following draft resolution (A/C.5/38/L.5):

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/38/11); and A/38/11/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.2.

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 37/125 B,

"Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/38/11),

"Recognizing 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,

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

"1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Contributions on the work in progress as requested in resolution 37/125 B;

"2. Requests the Committee on Contributions, in carrying out its mandate pursuant to resolution 37/125 B, to take into account the views expressed by Member States;

"3. Requests the Committee on Contributions to:

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

"(b) Submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a set of guidelines for the collection and presentation of data, taking into account paragraph 2 of resolution 36/231 A and recommendations to be submitted under (a) above;

"4. 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;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General in particular to forward to the members of the Committee on Contributions the studies prepared by the Statistical Office as soon as possible after each study has been completed."

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Indonesia proposed that the word "recommendations" in operative paragraph 3 (b) of the draft be amended to read "suggestions".

6. At the 35th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of France introduced the following amendments (A/C.5/38/L.8) to draft resolution A/C.5/38/L.5:

(a) Reword operative paragraph 2 to read:

"Requests the Committee on Contributions to carry out the mandate entrusted to it by resolution 37/125 B, taking into account the views expressed by Member States during the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly."

(b) Delete operative paragraph 3.

7. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted, without a vote, the amendments to A/C.5/38/L.8. The Committee then adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.5/38/L.5, as amended (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/125 B of 17 December 1983,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions, 2/

Recognizing 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,

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

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Contributions on the work in progress as requested in General Assembly resolution 37/125 B;

2. Requests the Committee on Contributions to carry out the mandate entrusted to it by resolution 37/125 B, taking into account the views expressed by Member States during the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/38/11), and A/38/11/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.2.

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 Secretary-General in particular to forward to the members of the Committee on Contributions the studies prepared by the Statistical Office of the Secretariat as soon as possible after each study has been completed.
