

2960 (XXVII). Pattern of conferences*The General Assembly*

1. *Approves* the calendar of conferences and meetings as set forth in the addenda²⁶ to the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Reaffirms* the applicability of paragraphs 8 to 12 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, which relate to the pattern of conferences and meetings;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to continue to submit programmes of meetings and conferences to the General Assembly at each session for its approval;

4. *Approves* the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²⁷

5. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular, to prepare the study requested in paragraph 6 of resolution 2609 (XXIV), including a model pattern of conferences for New York, Geneva and Vienna as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 9 of its report and taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the twenty-seventh session, and to submit that study to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

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2961 (XXVII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**A***The General Assembly*

Resolves that:

(a) The rates of assessment for the following States, which were admitted to membership in the United Nations at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly, shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Bahrain	0.04
Oman	0.04
Qatar	0.04
United Arab Emirates	0.04

These rates shall be added to the scale of assessments for 1973 contained in subparagraph (a) of General Assembly resolution 2654 (XXV) of 4 December 1970 and subparagraph (a) of resolution 2762 (XXVI) of 8 November 1971;

(b) For the financial year 1972, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates shall each contribute at the rate of 0.04 per cent, these rates to be applied to the same basis of assessment for 1972 as for other Member States;

(c) For the financial year 1971, the four new Member States shall each contribute an amount equal to one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the same

basis of assessment for 1971 as for other Member States;

(d) The contributions payable by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates for 1971 and 1972 shall be used for the financing of the budget for 1973 under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

(e) The advances to the Working Capital Fund by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall for each of these States be 0.04 per cent of the authorized level of the Fund, and these advances shall be carried as additional to the amount of the Fund;

(f) Switzerland, which under Economic and Social Council resolution 1600 (LI) of 20 July 1971 became a member of the Economic Commission for Europe on 24 March 1972, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Commission for the financial years 1972 and 1973 at the rate of 0.84 per cent.

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B*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, 238 (III) of 18 November 1948, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952 and 1137 (XII) of 14 October 1957 relating to the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations among its Members and the fixing of the maximum contribution of any one Member State,

Affirming that the capacity of Member States to contribute towards the payment of the ordinary expenses of the United Nations is a fundamental criterion on which scales of assessment are based,

Noting that, when it was decided by the General Assembly in 1957 that, in principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations should not exceed 30 per cent of the total, the United Nations consisted of eighty-two Member States,

Noting further that, since the General Assembly decision of 1957, fifty States have been admitted to membership in the United Nations,

Recalling that, since the General Assembly decision of 1957, there has been a reduction in the percentage contribution of the State paying the maximum contribution from 33.33 per cent to 31.52 per cent;

Decides that:

(a) As a matter of principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations shall not exceed 25 per cent of the total;

(b) In preparing scales of assessment for future years, the Committee on Contributions shall implement subparagraph (a) above as soon as practicable so as to reduce to 25 per cent the percentage contribution of the Member State paying the maximum contribution, utilizing for this purpose to the extent necessary:

(i) The percentage contributions of any newly admitted Member States immediately upon their admission;

(ii) The normal triennial increase in the percentage contributions of Member States resulting from increases in their national incomes;

²⁶ A/8790/Add.1 and 2.

²⁷ A/8868 and Add.1.

(c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b) above, the percentage contribution of Member States shall not in any case in the United Nations, the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency be increased as a consequence of the present resolution.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 582 (VI) of 21 December 1951, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952, 876 A (IX) of 4 December 1954, 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2118 (XX) of 21 December 1965 relating to the additional recognition to be given to the low *per capita* income countries and to the attention to be given to the developing countries in the calculation of their rates of assessment,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its thirty-second session,²⁸

Noting the views of the Committee on Contributions on the question of allowance for low *per capita* income, expressed in paragraph 21 of its report,

1. *Reaffirms* its previous directives to the Committee on Contributions regarding the additional recognition to be given to the low *per capita* income countries and the attention to be given to the developing countries in the calculation of their rates of assessment;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, at its next review of the scale of assessments, to change the elements of the low *per capita* income allowance formula so as to adjust it to the changing world economic conditions.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 582 (VI) of 21 December 1951, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952, 876 A (IX) of 4 December 1954, 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2118 (XX) of 21 December 1965 relating to the attention and recognition to be accorded by the Committee on Contributions to the countries with low *per capita* income when calculating the rates of their assessment, in view of their economic and financial problems,

Noting that the ceiling for the highest contribution has been lowered twice and that the *per capita* ceiling principle has been fully implemented since 1956, but that the floor for minimum contribution set at 0.04 per cent has not been lowered since 1946, in spite of the increase in the membership of the United Nations and other factors,

Taking into consideration that the allowance formula was benefiting mainly those developing countries with assessments higher than the floor and that the countries with the lowest *per capita* income, including the least developed among the developing countries, were not benefiting from any recommendations in favour of the developing countries in this respect, because of the rigidity of the fixed floor,

1. *Reaffirms* that due regard should be accorded to the developing countries, especially those with the

²⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/8711 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

lowest *per capita* income, to help them meet their priorities at home and to help them offset the inflationary trends continuously affecting their payments in dollar terms;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, in formulating the coming scale of assessment, to lower the floor from 0.04 per cent to 0.02 per cent to allow the adjustments necessary for the developing countries, in particular those with the lowest *per capita* income.

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2988 (XXVII). Confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General to fill vacancies in the membership of the Investments Committee²⁹

The General Assembly

Confirms the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1973:

Mr. R. Manning Brown,

Mr. Jean Guyot.

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As a result of the above appointments, the Investments Committee will be composed as follows: Mr. Eugene BLACK,** Mr. R. Manning BROWN,*** Mr. Jean GUYOT,*** the Honourable David MONTAGU,** Mr. George A. MURPHY* and Mr. B. K. NEHRU.*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

2989 (XXVII). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;³⁰

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refer the report, as well as the comments made in the Fifth Committee on this subject,³¹ to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for their information and comments, and also to the members of the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit for their information.

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²⁹ See also "Other decisions", p. 110.

³⁰ A/8874.

³¹ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee, 1536th, 1537th, 1540th, 1541st, 1544th and 1545th meetings.