

39/247. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The rates of assessment for the following States, admitted to membership in the United Nations on 23 September 1983 and on 21 September 1984, respectively, shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Saint Christopher and Nevis	0.01
Brunei Darussalam	0.03

For 1983, 1984 and 1985, these rates shall be added to the scale of assessments established under General Assembly resolution 37/125 A of 17 December 1982;

2. For the year of their admission, Saint Christopher and Nevis and Brunei Darussalam shall contribute at the rate of one-ninth of 0.01 and 0.03 per cent, respectively, such contributions to be taken into account as miscellaneous income under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

3. For the years 1984 and 1985, Saint Christopher and Nevis shall contribute at the rate of 0.01 per cent and for the year 1985 Brunei Darussalam shall contribute 0.03 per cent; such contribution for 1984 by Saint Christopher and Nevis also to be taken into account as miscellaneous income under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

4. The contributions of Saint Christopher and Nevis for 1983 and 1984 and Brunei Darussalam for 1984 shall be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved under General Assembly resolutions 37/38 A of 30 November 1982 and 38/35 A of 1 December 1983 for the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and resolutions 37/127 A of 17 December 1982 and 38/38 A of 5 December 1983 for the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, the contributions of those States, as determined by the group of contributors to which they may be assigned by the Assembly, shall be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

5. The advances of Saint Christopher and Nevis and Brunei Darussalam to the Working Capital Fund, under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, shall be calculated by the application of the rates of assessment of 0.01 and 0.03 per cent, respectively, to the authorized level of the Fund, such advances to be added to the Fund pending the incorporation of the new Members' rates of assessment in a 100 per cent scale.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1984*

B

The General Assembly,

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

Committee¹⁰⁷ during the debate on the report of the Committee on Contributions¹⁰⁸ and having considered the report and the recommendations contained therein,

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

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

Conscious of the problem of Member States whose national income is mostly generated by the export of one or a few products,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Committee on Contributions,

1. *Decides* that, in the 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 \$2,100 to \$2,200;

(c) In the redistribution of the burden of relief, the Committee on Contributions should apply a limit to the relief burden borne by Member States to take into account their developmental status and developmental requirements;

(d) The individual rates of assessments of the least developed countries should not exceed the present level;

(e) The Committee on Contributions should develop a methodology to take into account the problem of the serious economic and financial situation in the world, in pursuance of the deliberations mentioned in paragraph 54 of its report;

(f) 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 assessment between successive scales after pertinent modifications in the light of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, particularly in respect of rates below the level of 1 per cent;

2. *Takes note* of the intention of the Committee on Contributions to continue to study and examine subjects indicated in its report, including the study on comparative methods of assessment mentioned in paragraph 66;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to examine the conceptual feasibility of supplementing the present methodology so that each Member State may be assigned a relevant base relief gradient on the basis of its national income and, if possible, to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

4. *Also 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 cooperate with the United Nations Statistical Office by submitting national statistics on time;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Contributions with the facilities it requires to carry out its work, including supplementary assistance if necessary.

*107th plenary meeting
12 April 1984*

¹⁰⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee, 4th-11th, 13th and 14th meetings, and ibid., Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

¹⁰⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/39/11 and Corr.1)*