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SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 115 appear in the Committee's report (A/39/844). Pursuant to those recommendations, the Assembly, at its 105th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1984, adopted resolution 39/247.
2. At the same meeting, in its decision 39/456, the Assembly decided to resume its thirty-ninth session, at a date to be announced, for the purpose of considering, inter alia, agenda item 115.
3. The Committee further considered the item at its 57th and 58th meetings, on 10 and 11 April 1985.
4. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/39/SR.57 and 58).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

5. At the 57th meeting, on 10 April, Mr. Ernest Besley Maycock, Chairman of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/39/L.34, which was elaborated following informal consultations, and orally revised the draft resolution by adding, immediately before the last preambular paragraph, a new preambular paragraph which read as follows:

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

6. At its 58th meeting, on 11 April, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/39/L.34, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. 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 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 Committee during the debate on the report of the Committee on Contributions 1/ 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;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/39/11 and Corr.1).

(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 co-operate 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.
