

timum and in the most cost-effective manner, the conference services, resources and facilities world wide, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and the rules and principles governing conference planning;

10. *Takes note* of the intention of the Committee on Conferences to play a role in the review of the Department of Conference Services envisaged by the Secretary-General,<sup>84</sup> on the understanding that the role to be determined by the Committee at its 1990 session will be in full accordance with its mandate and in conformity with resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, as adopted by the General Assembly;

11. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to adopt a more comprehensive programme of work, taking into account its responsibilities as established by the General Assembly.

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## B

### CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 3415 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 35/10 B of 3 November 1980, 36/117 of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, 40/243, section III, of 18 December 1985, 41/177 D of 5 December 1986, 42/207 of 11 December 1987 and 43/222 C of 21 December 1988,

1. *Decides* to extend for a further year the experimental period established under its resolution 37/14 C, during which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly shall be entitled to summary records, with the exception of the following:

- (a) *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean;
- (b) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
- (c) International Law Commission;
- (d) Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;
- (e) Special Committee against *Apartheid*;
- (f) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
- (g) United Nations Council for Namibia;

2. *Takes note* of the decision of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to discontinue its request for summary records;

3. *Takes note also* of the decision of the Committee on Conferences to review the issue of control and limitation of documentation in more detail at its 1990 substantive session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to analyse the printing requirements of the Organization and recommend proposals to maximize the cost-effectiveness of external and internal printing, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and

Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

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## C

### IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 42/207 C

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 42/207 C,<sup>85</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement resolution 42/207 C;
2. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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### 44/197. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

## A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* all its previous resolutions on the scale of assessments, in particular resolutions 39/247 B of 12 April 1985, 42/208 of 11 December 1987 and 43/223 B of 21 December 1988,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on Contributions,<sup>86</sup> and noting the efforts of the Committee, particularly in the context of the difficulties it encountered in performing its tasks,

*Taking into account* the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fourth session,<sup>87</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* that:
  - (a) The capacity to pay is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments;
  - (b) The scale of assessments should be determined on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;
  - (c) The methodology for determining the scale of assessments should be simplified as far as possible with a view to making it more transparent and stable over time;
2. *Takes note* of the possible areas for adjustments to the existing methodology identified in the report of the Committee on Contributions;<sup>86</sup>
3. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions:
  - (a) To continue its work on the following elements of the existing methodology:
    - (i) The statistical base period;
    - (ii) The debt adjustment factor;
    - (iii) The per capita income limit;

<sup>85</sup> A/44/502.

<sup>86</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11 and addendum and corrigendum (A/44/11 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)*

<sup>87</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Fifth Committee*, 13th, 17th, 18th, 20th to 23rd, 25th and 59th meetings, and corrigendum

<sup>84</sup> See A/44/222 and Corr.1, para. 104

- (iv) The scheme to avoid excessive variations of individual rates of assessment between successive scales;
- (b) As a means further to improve the current methodology:
- (i) To examine fully the use of other factors, including the situation of countries having the economic characteristics outlined in resolution 43/223 B, paragraph 3;
- (ii) To continue its work on the price-adjusted rates of exchange methodology;
- (c) To continue, in conformity with the mandate set out in resolution 43/223 B, paragraph 2 (e), its consideration of *ad hoc* adjustments to the machine scale, which should be uniformly applied, based on broad, objective, rational and transparent criteria, including those mentioned in paragraph 38 of the report of the Committee on Contributions, and which should be limited in scope and made on a voluntary and multilateral basis;

4. *Also requests* the Committee on Contributions to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-fifth session, recommendations on adjustments, if necessary and where appropriate, to the elements and factors referred to in paragraph 3 of the present resolution;

5. *Invites* the Committee on Contributions, in conducting the work mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, to continue to examine the interrelationship of each of the elements and factors as a part of the overall methodology;

6. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to proceed with the further exploration of alternative income concepts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

7. *Also requests* the Committee on Contributions to consider excluding the allocation of any additional points, as a result of the application of the scheme of limits, to those Member States having a very low per capita income, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

8. *Further requests* the Committee on Contributions to include in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session illustrative examples, consistent with the statistical annexes to its report to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, of the implications of using the elements and factors mentioned in the present resolution, including different alternatives for ceiling and floor amounts.

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## B

*The General Assembly*

*Endorses* the proposal contained in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the report of the Committee on Contributions<sup>86</sup> concerning the revised assessment procedures for non-member States.

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## C

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to examine the question of providing access of Member States to information on how the Committee, being an expert body, arrives at its decisions on the scale of assessments, and to submit specific recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on how to establish an effective mechanism of communication between Member States and the Committee, in particular by holding information meetings at its regular sessions before the preparation of a new scale and during the consideration of *ad hoc* adjustments, to enable interested Member States to convey their views and request the Committee to take those views into account in the preparation of the new scale;

2. *Decides* to continue at its forty-fifth session its consideration of the functioning of the Committee on Contributions on the basis of the views to be expressed by that Committee in its report.

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## 44/198. United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the fifteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission<sup>88</sup> and other related reports,<sup>89</sup>

## I

### COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE STAFF IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES

*Recalling* that, in section III of its resolution 42/221 of 21 December 1987, it requested the International Civil Service Commission to undertake a comprehensive review of the conditions of service of the staff in the Professional and higher categories,

*Recalling also* the guidance it provided on this comprehensive review in section III of its resolution 42/221 and in section I of its resolution 43/226 of 21 December 1988,

*Recalling further*, in respect of the request contained in section I, paragraph 4 (c), of resolution 43/226, that the overall costs of all the elements of the solutions proposed in the comprehensive review should, as far as possible, be comparable to the costs of the current remuneration system,

*Noting* that only upon completion of the comprehensive review in all its aspects can the decisions covered in section I of the present resolution be considered final,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary efforts to absorb in 1991 and subsequent years a significant portion of the additional costs arising in respect of the regular budget of the United Nations as a result of the adoption of the present resolution;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to emphasize to the executive heads of the specialized agencies the importance of assisting the respective

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/44/30), vols. I and II.

<sup>89</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (A/44/9); and A/C.5/44/14, A/C.5/44/16, A/C.5/44/18 and A/C.5/44/20.