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SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
BUDGETS FOR 1946 AND 1947 AND THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND

## Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Th. AGNIDIS (GREECE)

1. In accordance with instructions given by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth plenary meeting on 31 October 1946 the Fifth Committee has considered and approved the scales of contributions to the United Nations budgets for 1946 and 1947 and the Working Capital Fund (document A/80, A/C.5/61).
2. During the general discussion in the Fifth Committee several Delegations expressed their disagreement with the scales as proposed by the Committee on Contributions. The Fifth Committee therefore, at its twenty-fifth meeting on 16 November 1946, created a Sub-Committee on Contributions which would consider the scale of apportionment in light of the discussion which had taken place in the Fifth Committee. The Sub-Committee, comprised of representatives of the Delegations of Canada, China, Egypt, France, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Uruguay, submitted its recommendations to the Fifth Committee on 12 December 1946 (document A/C.5/Sub.1/W.5).
3. At the forty-fourth meeting of the Fifth Committee, 13 December 1946, the Fifth Committee approved the report of the Sub-Committee on Contributions. The Delegation of Sweden wished that it be placed on record that the Delegation of Sweden did not consider just and equitable the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, that the new members be required to pay in the year of their admission at least one-third of their percentage of the assessment for the following year.

4. During the meetings of the Sub-Committee the Delegation of the United States submitted a report that it may be possible to arrange for "approved transactions through the International Monetary Fund to include payments of United Nations assessments." It was felt that this provision should be of some assistance to those countries which found it difficult to obtain dollars to pay their contributions to the United Nations. It was understood that the Fund should be in operation early in 1947.

5. After discussion in the Sub-Committee the Delegation of the United States agreed, notwithstanding their previous statements, to accept as an emergency contribution an apportionment of 39.89 per cent, with the reservation that the following statement would be included in the records of the General Assembly:

"The Delegation of the United States is prepared to recommend to Congress that we accept as our contribution to the 1946 and 47 Administrative Budgets and the Working Capital Fund a figure not to exceed 39.89 per cent of the total with the following distinct reservation:

(a) That under no circumstances do we consent that under normal conditions any one nation should pay more than 33-1/3 per cent in an organization of 'sovereign equals.'

(b) That the difference between 33-1/3 per cent and 39.89 per cent is voluntarily assumed by us for 1947 and for the Working Capital Fund because we recognize that normal post-war economic relationships have not yet been restored and we are willing to accept this added, temporary assessment to assist the United Nations in meeting the emergency.

"The Delegation of the United States is unwilling to have any contributions figure set for 1948. It believes that since the scale reflects abnormal economic conditions, the scale should be reviewed to reflect whatever economic changes, if any, occur from year to year. It would also anticipate that other factors than so-called 'relative capacity to pay' will be given hereafter the consideration they deserve as a matter of sound public policy in an international organization of 'sovereign equals'.

/ "The Delegation

"The Delegation of the United States will request that this statement be made a part of the record of the General Assembly."

6. The Fifth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly that the following resolution be adopted:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

- (i) That the scales of assessment for (a) the 1945 budget and (b) the 1947 budget and the Working Capital Fund shall be as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>1946 Apportionment</u>	<u>1947 Budget and Working Capital Fund Apportionment</u>
	%	%
Argentina	1.94	1.85
Australia	2.00	1.97
Belgium	1.42	1.35
Bolivia	0.08	0.08
Brazil	1.94	1.85
Byelorussian S. S. R.	0.23	0.22
Canada	3.35	3.20
Chile	0.47	0.45
China	5.30	6.00
Colombia	0.39	0.37
Costa Rica	0.04	0.04
Cuba	0.30	0.29
Czechoslovakia	0.95	0.90
Denmark	0.81	0.79
Dominican Republic	0.05	0.05
Ecuador	0.05	0.05
Egypt	0.81	0.79
El Salvador	0.05	0.05
Ethiopia	0.08	0.08
France	5.30	6.00
Greece	0.17	0.17
Guatemala	0.05	0.05
Haiti	0.04	0.04
Honduras	0.04	0.04
India	4.09	3.95
Iran	0.47	0.45
Iraq	0.17	0.17
Lebanon	0.05	0.06
Liberia	0.04	0.04
Luxembourg	0.05	0.05
Mexico	0.55	0.63
Netherlands	1.47	1.40
New Zealand	0.52	0.50
Nicaragua	0.04	0.04
Norway	0.52	0.50
Panama	0.05	0.05
Paraguay	0.04	0.04
Peru	0.21	0.20
Philippines	0.30	0.29
Poland	1.00	0.95
Saudi Arabia	0.08	0.08
Syria	0.12	0.12
South Africa	1.15	1.12
Turkey	0.93	0.91
Ukrainian S. S. R.	0.88	0.84
U.S.S.R.	5.52	5.34
United Kingdom	11.98	11.48
U.S.A.	39.89	39.89
Uruguay	0.18	0.18
Venezuela	0.28	0.27
Yugoslavia	0.34	0.33
Afghanistan		0.05
Iceland		0.94
Sweden		2.35
	100.00	100.00

- (ii) That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 43 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure, the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses of United Nations shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1947 and a report submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at the Session to be held in September 1947.
- (iii) That as it may be more convenient for the United Nations to adopt a unit basis of assessment in lieu of the percentage basis, the Committee on Contributions is directed to give consideration to the relative merits of each method.
- (iv) That new Members be required to contribute to the annual budget of the year in which they are first admitted, at least  $33 \frac{1}{3}$  per cent of their percentage of assessment determined for the following year, applied to the budget for the year of their admission.
- (v) That, having regard to the admission of the three new Members in 1946, the advances to the Working Capital Fund be readjusted on the basis of the scale to be adopted for the contributions of Members to the annual budget for 1947.

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