

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Item 17(a) of the provisional agenda
(GC(III)/72)

SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Revised scale for 1959

Memorandum by the Director General

1. The General Conference will recall that at its second regular session it established, by resolution GC(II)/RES/32, a provisional scale for the apportionment among Members of the administrative expenses of the Agency for the year 1959, and decided that this scale should be:
"subject to retroactive adjustment by the General Conference during its third regular session in the light of the decision of the United Nations General Assembly on the United Nations scale of assessment for 1959, and in accordance with the number of Members of the Agency at the time of the third regular session."
2. By that resolution the General Conference also took a number of decisions which will have a bearing on the final scale for 1959, as follows:
 - "2. ...
 - (a) The rate of contribution of the Member which bears the highest assessment shall be set at 32.51 per cent of the total assessment and shall remain at that percentage in any final scale for 1959 which may be adopted by the General Conference at its third regular session;
 - (b) The rate of contribution of the Members bearing the smallest shares of assessment shall be set at 0.04 per cent of the total assessment and shall remain at that percentage in any final scale for 1959 which may be adopted by the General Conference at its third regular session; and that
 - (c) The per capita contribution of any Member shall not exceed the per capita contribution of the Member which bears the highest assessment;

"3. ...

- "4. New Members depositing instruments of ratification between 1 September 1958 and the third regular session of the General Conference shall be assessed provisionally in accordance with Article 6.08 of the Financial Regulations, subject to retroactive adjustment and inclusion in the revised scale of assessment for 1959 to be adopted by the General Conference at its third regular session;"
3. The expenses of the United Nations are apportioned broadly according to the capacity of each Member State to pay, and the duty of determining capacity to pay devolves upon the Committee on Contributions, which reports to the General Assembly through its Fifth Committee. In determining relative capacity to pay, the Committee on Contributions relies primarily upon estimates of national income, expressed in United States dollars and supplied by the Member States themselves.
4. When using these comparative estimates of national income, the Committee is called upon by its terms of reference^{1/} to take into account "comparative income per head of population", and in conformity with various directives of the General Assembly particular attention is given to States with a low per capita income. Thus the Committee, having calculated the income per head from the national income estimates provided by each State, makes a reduction in the case of States with a per capita income of less than \$1,000 per annum by amounts approaching 50 per cent for States with the lowest incomes per head.
5. A further directive was given to the Committee by the General Assembly at its twelfth session, when it was decided that
- "in principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations shall not exceed 30 per cent of the total."^{2/}

The consequent reduction in the percentage of the highest contributor was to be achieved by giving that Member State a proportionate benefit in any general reduction arising from the admission of new Members to the United Nations. Thus, the admission of six new Members to the United Nations during 1956-1957 resulted in a reduction, for 1958, of the highest percentage from 33.33 per cent to 32.51 per cent. In this way, effect was given to a further proviso in the General Assembly resolution that:

^{1/} General Assembly resolutions 14 A 3 (I) of 13 February 1946, 238 A (III) of 18 November 1948 and 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952.

^{2/} Resolution 1137 (XII) of 14 October 1957, reproduced in annex I to document GC(III)/84.

"The percentage contribution of Member States shall not in any case be increased as a consequence of the present resolution."

6. In its report to the General Assembly during the thirteenth session the Committee on Contributions, after taking into account the data and directives referred to above, recommended a three-year scale of assessment for 1959, 1960 and 1961, and this scale was approved by the General Assembly on 10 December 1958.

7. In drawing up a final Agency scale for 1959 based on the 1959-61 United Nations scale and other information supplied by the United Nations, the Secretariat has taken account of all the recommendations the General Conference made in resolution GC(II)/RES/32. The resulting proposals for a scale are set forth in the annex, together with details of its method of calculation and a draft resolution whereby the General Conference could approve it.

ANNEX

PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISED SCALE OF MEMBERS'
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1959

A. The revised scale for 1959 and numerical data for its calculation

Member State	Percentage contribution to the United Nations for 1959-61	United Nations theoretical rates for 1959-61 for States not Members of United Nations	1959-61 United Nations rates multiplied by the coefficient 0.928 ^{a/}
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Afghanistan	0.06		0.05
Albania	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
Argentina	1.11		1.03
Australia	1.79		1.66
Austria	0.43		0.40
Belgium	1.30		1.21
Brazil	1.02		0.95
Bulgaria	0.16		0.15
Burma	0.08		0.07
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.47		0.44
Cambodia	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
Canada	3.11		2.89
Ceylon	0.10		0.09
China	5.01		4.65
Cuba	0.25		0.23
Czechoslovakia	0.87		0.81
Denmark	0.60		0.56
Dominican Republic	0.05		0.05
Ecuador	0.06		0.05
El Salvador	0.05		0.05
Ethiopia	0.06		0.05
Finland	0.36		0.33
France	6.40		5.94

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Germany, Federal Republic of		5.33	4.95
Greece	0.23		0.21
Guatemala	0.05		0.05
Haiti	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
Honduras	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
Hungary	0.42		0.39
Iceland	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
India	2.46		2.28
Indonesia	0.47		0.44
Iran ^{c/}	0.21		0.19
Iraq ^{c/}	0.09		0.08
Israel	0.14		0.13
Italy	2.25		2.09
Japan	2.19		2.03
Korea, Republic of		0.21	0.19
Luxembourg	0.06		0.05
Mexico	0.71		0.66
Monaco		0.04	0.04 ^{b/}
Morocco	0.14		0.13
Netherlands	1.01		0.94
New Zealand	0.42		0.39
Nicaragua	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
Norway	0.49		0.45
Pakistan	0.40		0.37
Paraguay	0.04		0.04 ^{b/}
Peru	0.11		0.10
Philippines ^{c/}	0.43		0.40
Poland	1.37		1.27
Portugal	0.20		0.19
Romania	0.34		0.32
Spain	0.93		0.86
Sudan	0.06		0.05
Sweden	1.39		1.29
Switzerland		0.97	0.90

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Thailand	0.16		0.15
Tunisia	0.05		0.05
Turkey	0.59		0.55
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1.80		1.67
Union of South Africa	0.56		0.52
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	13.62		12.64
United Arab Republic	0.32		0.30
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7.78		7.22
United States of America	32.51		32.51 ^{a/}
Vatican City		0.04	0.04 ^{b/}
Venezuela	0.50		0.46
Viet-Nam		0.20	0.19
Yugoslavia	0.35		0.32
Total	98.43	6.79	
	105.22		100.00

^{a/} See section B, para. 3, of this annex.

^{b/} Fixed by the General Conference in resolution GC(II)/RES/32, para. 2(b).

^{c/} A new Member of the Agency, not included in the provisional scale for 1959.

^{d/} Fixed by the General Conference in resolution GC(II)/RES/32, para. 2(a).

B. Method of calculating the revised scale for 1959

1. The percentage total of United Nations assessments for 1959-61 for Members of the Agency that are also Members of the United Nations is 98.43, while the total assessments recommended by the United Nations for Members of the Agency that are not Members of the United Nations is 6.79 per cent, a grand total of 105.22 per cent (see columns 2 and 3 in section A above).

2. In view of the fact that the following percentages are fixed in both the Agency and the United Nations scales:

(a) Minimum contributions of 0.04 per cent for:

Albania	Monaco
Cambodia	Nicaragua
Haiti	Paraguay
Honduras	Vatican City
Iceland	

giving a total of 0.36 per cent, and

(b) The maximum contribution of 32.51 per cent for the United States of America,

a coefficient had to be found by which to multiply the United Nations assessments of the remaining Members of the Agency so as to reduce the total of all assessments to 100.00 per cent.

3. This coefficient was calculated as follows:

	<u>United Nations scale</u>	<u>Agency scale</u>
Total assessments	105.22	100.00
Less fixed assessments: Max. 32.51 Min. <u>0.36</u>		
	<u>32.87</u>	<u>32.87</u>
Variable assessments	<u>72.35</u>	<u>67.13</u>

Dividing 67.13 by 72.35 gave a coefficient of 0.928, by which each of the variable United Nations assessments had to be multiplied.

4. It should be mentioned that in calculating the proposed revised scale for 1959 shown in column 4 of section A above, it was not necessary in any instance to make an adjustment to take account of the per capita rule laid down by the General Conference in resolution GC(II)/RES/32, paragraph 2(c), because in that scale no State's per capita contribution exceeds that of the Member having the maximum assessment.

C. Draft resolution

FINAL SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1959

The General Conference

Resolves that the final scale for the apportionment among Members of the administrative expenses of the Agency for the year 1959 shall be as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
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(Here will be inserted the list of Members and percentages given in columns 1 and 4 respectively in section A above).