

General Conference

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Agenda item 17
(GC(III)/88/Rev.2)

SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its sixteenth meeting on 24 September 1959 the Committee took up item 17 of the agenda concerning the scale of Members' contributions. It had before it two documents: a revised scale of Members' contributions for 1959 (GC(III)/83) and a memorandum prepared by the Director General on the scale for 1960 (GC(III)/84). The Committee established a Sub-Committee on Contributions to study these documents.
2. At the Committee's twenty-second meeting on 30 September the Rapporteur of the Sub-Committee, Mr. Anders Forsse (Sweden), presented the Sub-Committee's report^{1/} which recommended the Committee to submit the following three draft resolutions to the General Conference:
 - (a) Draft resolution A, setting out the final scale of contributions for 1959;
 - (b) Draft resolution B, setting out the proposed scale of contributions for 1960; and
 - (c) Draft resolution C, proposing guiding principles for the assessment of Members' contributions in future years.
3. After a detailed discussion of the Sub-Committee's report, the delegate from the United States of America stated that although it was the opinion of his Government that its contribution for 1960 should be at the level of

^{1/} GC(III)/COM.1/35.

32.27 per cent as proposed by the Sub-Committee, it would be willing to accept a percentage contribution of 32.51 per cent, as in the final scale recommended for 1959, on the understanding that this action would not be regarded as a precedent for future years.

4. In the light of this statement the delegate from the Union of South Africa proposed orally that draft resolution B submitted by the Sub-Committee should be amended in such a way as to provide that the scale for 1960 would be exactly the same as the revised scale for 1959.

5. The draft resolutions, with resolution B amended as indicated in the previous paragraph, were then voted upon with the following results:

- (a) Draft resolution A was approved by 53 votes in favour, none against with one abstention;
- (b) Draft resolution B was approved by 53 votes in favour, none against with one abstention;
- (c) Draft resolution C was approved by 53 votes in favour, none against with one abstention.

6. The Committee therefore recommends for adoption by the General Conference draft resolutions A, B and C reproduced in the annex to the present report.

ANNEX

Draft resolutions for the General Conference

A.

REVISED SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1959

The General Conference

Resolves that the revised scale of assessment for Members' contributions to the Agency's administrative budget for the financial year 1959 shall be based on the scale adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations for 1959-60-61, as recommended by the Director General in document GC(III)/83, and shall be as follows:

Revised scale of Members' contributions for 1959

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Percentage</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Afghanistan | 0.05 | Finland | 0.33 |
| Albania | 0.04 | France | 5.94 |
| Argentina | 1.03 | Germany, Federal Republic of | 4.95 |
| Australia | 1.66 | Greece | 0.21 |
| Austria | 0.40 | Guatemala | 0.05 |
| Belgium | 1.21 | Haiti | 0.04 |
| Brazil | 0.95 | Honduras | 0.04 |
| Bulgaria | 0.15 | Hungary | 0.39 |
| Burma | 0.07 | Iceland | 0.04 |
| Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic | 0.44 | India | 2.28 |
| Cambodia | 0.04 | Indonesia | 0.44 |
| Canada | 2.89 | Iran | 0.19 |
| Ceylon | 0.09 | Iraq | 0.08 |
| China | 4.65 | Israel | 0.13 |
| Cuba | 0.23 | Italy | 2.09 |
| Czechoslovakia | 0.81 | Japan | 2.03 |
| Denmark | 0.56 | Korea, Republic of | 0.19 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.05 | Luxembourg | 0.05 |
| Ecuador | 0.05 | Mexico | 0.66 |
| El Salvador | 0.05 | Monaco | 0.04 |
| Ethiopia | 0.05 | Morocco | 0.13 |

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Percentage</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Netherlands | 0.94 | Tunisia | 0.05 |
| New Zealand | 0.39 | Turkey | 0.55 |
| Nicaragua | 0.04 | Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic | 1.67 |
| Norway | 0.45 | Union of South Africa | 0.52 |
| Pakistan | 0.37 | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 12.64 |
| Paraguay | 0.04 | United Arab Republic | 0.30 |
| Peru | 0.10 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 7.22 |
| Philippines | 0.40 | United States of America | 32.51 |
| Poland | 1.27 | Vatican City | 0.04 |
| Portugal | 0.19 | Venezuela | 0.46 |
| Romania | 0.32 | Viet-Nam | 0.19 |
| Spain | 0.86 | Yugoslavia | 0.32 |
| Sudan | 0.05 | | <u>100.00</u> |
| Sweden | 1.29 | | |
| Switzerland | 0.90 | | |
| Thailand | 0.15 | | |

B.

SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1960

The General Conference

Resolves that the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the Agency's regular budget for the financial year 1960 shall be the same as the revised scale for 1959.

C.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling its resolution GC(II)/RES/33 whereby it recommended that commencing with the scale for 1960, any scale of assessments which was approved

in advance by the General Conference should be based on the scale adopted by the United Nations for the preceding calendar year and should be final and not subject to any retroactive adjustment; and

(b) Having in mind the desirability of providing the Director General with detailed guidance in preparing scales of assessments for approval by the General Conference;

1. Approves the following principles to govern the implementation of the decision taken in resolution GC(II)/RES/33:

- (a) The coefficient to be applied to the United Nations percentages for States that are Members of the Agency in order to establish a scale for the Agency shall not be applied to the percentage of the Member bearing the highest rate of assessment or to those Members which bear the minimum rate of assessment in the United Nations scale;
- (b) As States become new Members of the Agency, the assessments of the then existing Members, other than those bearing the minimum rate of assessment, shall be proportionately adjusted except that, in accordance with the principle established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in paragraph 3(d) of its resolution 1137(XII) of 14 October 1957, the percentage contributions of Member States shall not in any case be increased as a consequence of any reduction in the percentage of the highest contributor; and
- (c) The per capita contribution of any Member shall not exceed the per capita contribution of the Member which bears the highest assessment.

