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I. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Contributions met at United Nations Headquarters from 26 October to 2 November 1965. The following members were present:

Mr. Raymond T. Bowman
Mr. B. N. Chakravarty
Mr. T. W. Cutts
Mr. J. P. Fernandini
Mr. James Gibson

Mr. F. Nouredin Kia
Mr. Stanislaw Raczkowski
Mr. D. Silveira da Mota
Mr. Maurice Viaud

2. Mr. V. G. Solodovnikov, who is a member of the Committee, was unable to attend the session and designated Mr. V. F. Ulanchev to represent him. This designation was accepted by the Committee on the understanding that the substitute would remain in consultation with the member he represented.

3. The Committee re-elected Mr. Chakravarty as Chairman and Mr. Kia as Vice-Chairman.

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE

4. Under rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,¹ "the Committee on Contributions shall advise the General Assembly concerning the apportionment, under Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter, of the expenses of the Organization among Members . . ." and "on the assessments to be fixed for new Members". The report of the Committee on Contributions to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly² recommended a scale for the years 1965, 1966 and 1967. As no action was taken on that report by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session, it was included in the agenda for the twentieth session.

¹ A/520/Rev.7.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/5810 and Add.1).*

Since the twenty-third session of the Committee on Contributions held in September-October 1964, there have been certain changes in the membership of the Organization. Three new Member States, Malawi, Malta and Zambia, were admitted to the United Nations at the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, and three more new Members, the Gambia, the Maldives Islands and Singapore, were admitted at the twentieth session. One Member State, Indonesia, had announced its decision to withdraw from the Organization with effect from 1 January 1965. Singapore, which previously formed part of Malaysia, became an independent State in August 1965. The effect of these developments on the scale recommended for 1965, 1966 and 1967 is dealt with in paragraph 20 of the present report.

III. ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW MEMBER STATES

5. In calculating the scale recommended by the Committee on Contributions for 1965, 1966 and 1967 in its report to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, the Committee based its calculations on the net national product (at market prices) of all Member States for the period 1960-1962. Consequently, the Committee decided to use the same basic data in assessing the new Member States.

6. Following their admission, the new Member States had been requested to submit data on the aggregate of their net national product at market prices in the years 1960, 1961 and 1962 and on their population in the same years, or any related statistical and economic information that might be available for their countries, or any other relevant information that they would wish the Committee to take into account in arriving at its recommendations to the General Assembly.

7. The Committee had before it a request submitted by the Government of the Gambia that consideration be given to the possibility of reducing the present minimum rate of 0.04 per cent in the United Nations scale to a figure related more realistically to the circumstances of

the very small newly independent countries. The possibility of a reduction in the minimum assessment of 0.04 per cent had already been reviewed by the Committee at previous sessions. It had then reached the conclusion, which had been endorsed by the General Assembly, that, taking into account the benefits derived by Member States from the available services, facilities and permanent installations of the Organization and the reimbursement of the travel expenses of delegations to the sessions of the General Assembly, it could not recommend a lowering of the minimum rate of assessment. However, the Committee gave further careful consideration to the request submitted by the Gambia, and decided that the reasons for maintaining the minimum rate of assessment at 0.04 per cent in the past were no less valid in the circumstances referred to by the Government of the Gambia.

8. After reviewing the available data for the new Members, and applying to these States the same allowance for low *per capita* income as had been applied in respect of all other Members, the Committee decided that it would be appropriate to recommend that the new Member States should all be assessed at the minimum rate of contribution as follows:

| Member States | Date of admission | Rate of assessment | For the years |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Malawi | 1 December 1964 | 0.04 | 1965, 1966 and 1967 |
| Malta | | 0.04 | |
| Zambia | | 0.04 | |
| The Gambia | 21 September 1965 | 0.04 | 1966 and 1967 |
| The Maldives Islands | | 0.04 | |
| Singapore | | 0.04 | |

ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR OF ADMISSION

9. Under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, "New Members shall be required to make a contribution for the year in which they become Members . . . at rates to be determined by the General Assembly". In this connexion, the General Assembly at the second part of its first session decided (resolution 69 (I)) as follows:

"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 assessment determined for the following year, applied to the budget for the year of their admission."

By General Assembly decisions, exceptions have, however, been made to the one-third rule and the prescribed

minimum has been reduced for practically all new Members admitted since 1955.

10. The dates on which the new Members now under consideration were admitted are:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Malawi | 1 December 1964 |
| Malta | |
| Zambia | |
| The Gambia | 21 September 1965 |
| The Maldives Islands | |
| Singapore | |

11. In line with previous General Assembly decisions, the Committee recommends that the six new Member States be required to contribute for their year of admission one ninth of the assessment for the full year.

IV. OTHER VARIATIONS IN THE SCALE

INDONESIA

12. The Committee took note of the announcement by the Government of Indonesia that it had decided to withdraw from the United Nations as from 1 January 1965. In this connexion, the Committee also took note of the letter of 26 February 1965 from the Secretary-General to the First Deputy Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia³ as well as the reference to Indonesia in the Introduction to the Secretary-General's report to the twentieth session of the General Assembly on the work of the Organization.⁴ In light thereof, the Committee decided that, while the assessment for Indonesia would have been at the rate of 0.39 per cent, as recommended in the Committee's report to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, it would not be appropriate in the present circumstances to retain it in the scale.

MALAYSIA

13. As Singapore, which previously formed part of Malaysia, had become an independent State and a Member State of the United Nations, the Committee reviewed the statistical data for Malaysia (excluding Singapore) and decided to recommend that for 1966 and 1967 the rate of assessment for Malaysia should be 0.12 per cent.

³ Document A/5899.

⁴ Official Records: Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 1 A (A/6001/Add.1).

V. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

STATUS OF THE COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

14. Under its terms of reference, one of the functions of the Committee is "to consider and report to the General Assembly on the action to be taken if Members fall into default with their contributions", and in this connexion the Committee shall "advise the Assembly in regard to the application of Article 19 of the Charter".

15. The Committee took note of a report by the Secretary-General, in which he invited the Committee's attention to paragraph 2 of the Second Report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations⁵ which was adopted by the General Assembly at its 1331st plenary meeting held on 1 September 1965.

⁵ Document A/5916 and Add.1.

16. In the light of the consensus of the General Assembly at its 1331st meeting "that the question of the applicability of Article 19 of the Charter will not be raised with regard to the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Operation in the Congo", the Committee noted that no Member State is at present in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the extent that Article 19 of the Charter would apply.

17. Consequently, the remarks in paragraphs 47 and 48 of the Committee's report to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly⁶ are not applicable.

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/5810 and Add.1).*

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

20. The scale now recommended by the Committee for 1965, 1966 and 1967 is set out in the draft resolution in paragraph 21 of this report. It will be noted that the sum of the assessments amounts to 99.73 for 1965 and 99.82 for 1966 and 1967. The Committee considered the possibility of adjusting the scale to 100 per cent for these years. However, the Secretary-General, in the Introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization,⁷ has expressed the hope that Indonesia's withdrawal from the United Nations would be "only a temporary phase . . .". There is further the possibility that more new Members will be admitted during the period covered by the scale. The Committee decided that the scale should take account of these considerations. In the past when the total of the rates of assessment of Member States has exceeded 100 the situation has been dealt with by apportioning the total expenses among all Members in the ratio indicated in the scale. The Committee recommends that this method should also be used in apportioning the expenses of the Organization for the years under consideration when the scale in present circumstances amounts to less than 100.

21. The Committee on Contributions recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution, which replaces the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 52 of the Committee's report to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly:⁸

"The General Assembly

"Resolves that:

"1. The scales of assessments for Member States' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1965, 1966 and 1967 shall be as follows:

| <i>"Member State</i> | <i>For 1965</i> | <i>For 1966-67</i> |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Afghanistan | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Albania | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Algeria | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Argentina | 0.92 | 0.92 |
| Australia | 1.58 | 1.58 |
| Austria | 0.53 | 0.53 |
| Belgium | 1.15 | 1.15 |
| Bolivia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Brazil | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| Bulgaria | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| Burma | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Burundi | 0.04 | 0.04 |

⁷ *Official Records: Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 1 A (A/6001/Add.1).*

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/5810 and Add.1).*

SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

18. Under General Assembly resolution 311 B (IV) of 24 November 1949, the Committee is authorized "to recommend or advise on the scales of contribution of Member States for a specialized agency if requested by that agency to do so".

19. Pursuant to this authority, the Committee supplied to specialized agencies at their request theoretical probable percentages in the United Nations scale for certain countries which have applied for membership or associate membership of such agencies, but are not Members of the United Nations.

| <i>"Member State</i> | <i>For 1965</i> | <i>For 1966-67</i> |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic | 0.52 | 0.52 |
| Cambodia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Cameroon | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Canada | 3.17 | 3.17 |
| Central African Republic | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Ceylon | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Chad | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Chile | 0.27 | 0.27 |
| China | 4.25 | 4.25 |
| Colombia | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| Congo (Brazzaville) | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Congo (Democratic Republic of) | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Costa Rica | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Cuba | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Cyprus | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Czechoslovakia | 1.11 | 1.11 |
| Dahomey | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Denmark | 0.62 | 0.62 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Ecuador | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| El Salvador | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Ethiopia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Finland | 0.43 | 0.43 |
| France | 6.09 | 6.09 |
| Gabon | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Gambia | — | 0.04 |
| Ghana | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Greece | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Guatemala | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Guinea | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Haiti | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Honduras | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Hungary | 0.56 | 0.56 |
| Iceland | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| India | 1.85 | 1.85 |
| Iran | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Iraq | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Ireland | 0.16 | 0.16 |
| Israel | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| Italy | 2.54 | 2.54 |
| Ivory Coast | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Jamaica | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Japan | 2.77 | 2.77 |
| Jordan | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Kenya | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Kuwait | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Laos | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Lebanon | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Liberia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Libya | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Luxembourg | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Madagascar | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Malawi | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Malaysia | 0.15 | 0.12 |

| Member State | For 1965 | For 1966-67 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mali | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Maldiv Islands | — | 0.04 |
| Malta | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Mauritania | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Mexico | 0.81 | 0.81 |
| Mongolia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Morocco | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| Nepal | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Netherlands | 1.11 | 1.11 |
| New Zealand | 0.38 | 0.38 |
| Nicaragua | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Niger | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Nigeria | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| Norway | 0.44 | 0.44 |
| Pakistan | 0.37 | 0.37 |
| Panama | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Paraguay | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Peru | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| Philippines | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| Poland | 1.45 | 1.45 |
| Portugal | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| Romania | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| Rwanda | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Senegal | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Singapore | — | 0.04 |
| Somalia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| South Africa | 0.52 | 0.52 |
| Spain | 0.73 | 0.73 |
| Sudan | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Sweden | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| Syria | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Thailand | 0.14 | 0.14 |
| Togo | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Tunisia | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Turkey | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| Uganda | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic | 1.97 | 1.97 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 14.92 | 14.92 |
| United Arab Republic | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| United Kingdom | 7.21 | 7.21 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| United States of America | 31.91 | 31.91 |
| Upper Volta | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Uruguay | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Venezuela | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Yemen | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Yugoslavia | 0.36 | 0.36 |
| Zambia | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| TOTAL | 99.73 | 99.82 |

"2. Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scales of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1967, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the Assembly at its twenty-second session;

"3. Notwithstanding the terms of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial years 1965, 1966 and 1967 in currencies other than United States dollars;

"4. For the year 1964, the rates of contributions for the States admitted to membership in the Organization at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly shall be as follows:

| State | Per cent |
|----------|-------------|
| Kenya | 0.04 |
| Zanzibar | 1/9 of 0.04 |

These rates shall be in addition to the scale of assessments for 1964 adopted under General Assembly resolutions 1691 A (XVI) of 18 December 1961, 1870 (XVII) of 20 December 1962 and 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963;

"5. Kenya and Zanzibar, which became Members of the United Nations on 13 December 1963, shall contribute for the year of admission one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the net budget for 1963.

"6. Malawi, Malta and Zambia, which became Members of the United Nations on 1 December 1964, shall contribute for the year of admission one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the net budget of 1964.

"7. The Gambia, the Maldiv Islands and Singapore, which became Members of the United Nations on 21 September 1965, shall contribute for the year of admission one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the net budget for 1965.

"8. Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1965, 1966 and 1967 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

| Non-member State | Per cent |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Federal Republic of Germany | 7.41 |
| Holy See | 0.04 |
| Liechtenstein | 0.04 |
| Monaco | 0.04 |
| Republic of Korea | 0.13 |
| Republic of Viet-Nam | 0.08 |
| San Marino | 0.04 |
| Switzerland | 0.88 |

The following non-members being called upon to contribute:

"(a) To the International Court of Justice: Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland;

"(b) To the international control of narcotic drugs: Federal Republic of Germany, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Republic of Korea, Republic of Viet-Nam, San Marino and Switzerland;

"(c) To the International Bureau for Declarations of Death of Missing Persons; Federal Republic of Germany;

"(d) To the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Republic of Korea and Republic of Viet-Nam;

"(e) To the Economic Commission for Europe: Federal Republic of Germany;

(f) To the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: Federal Republic of Germany, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Republic of Korea, Republic of Viet-Nam, San Marino and Switzerland."

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