

38. SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUDGET

The General Assembly on December 14, 1946, adopted Resolution 69 (1) whereby it agreed:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule 43 of the provisional rules of procedure, the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses of the 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.

With few exceptions, which did not affect the large contributors, the Committee on Contributions recommended a scale of assessments similar to that for 1947. The United States delegation agreed to accept for one more year the allocation of 39.89 per cent in view of the present state of world economy. It reiterated, however, the conviction expressed at the First Session that in an organization of sovereign equals no single member should pay more than 33½ per cent of an administrative budget.

The recommended scale received unanimous support with the proviso that the scale be reviewed again in 1948 by the Committee on Contributions and their report submitted to the next regular session of the General Assembly.

Under the scale adopted the contributions of the seven largest contributors for 1948 are:

	Per cent
United States	39.89
United Kingdom	11.48
U.S.S.R.	6.34
China	6.00
France	6.00
India and Pakistan (total)	3.95
Canada	3.20

It will be noted in this connection that the Canadian contribution is more than half of that of the U.S.S.R.