

No. 153/70 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

Text of a statement delivered on October 21, 1953, by Mr. S.D. Hemsley, Canadian Representative, in the Fifth Committee of the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly, dealing with agenda item 42 - Scale of Assessments.

Note: The text of the resolution adopted by the Assembly and the results of the voting are included at the end of the statement.

"The General Assembly"

In the excellent and invaluable report of the Contributions Committee to the eighth General Assembly which is the basis of the present debate, the Committee has continued its policy for the progressive removal of maladjustment in the United Nations scale, and in doing so has applied various directives contained in last year's Resolution No. 665 (VII).

While in our view their recommendations represent important improvements in previous scales and are useful steps toward development of more equitable assessments which may ultimately provide the basis for a more permanent scale, nevertheless we recognize that further improvements are possible for the future.

We are glad, therefore, to see that the scale now proposed is for one year only. We further note and accept the comments of the Committee set out in paragraph 15 of their report which is, we feel, an acceptable interpretation of the Canadian position since it defers immediate implementation of the per capita principle, while recognizing that the Contributions Committee is expected to take appropriate action as soon as the criteria set out in Resolution 665 (VII) are met. These are quoted in paragraph 5 of the report before us.

Delegates will recall last year's discussion in which the Canadian representative repeated the importance which his government attaches to the per capita principle, but in which he also agreed that further implementation should be deferred until "new members are admitted or a substantial improvement in the economic capacity of existing members permits adjustments to be gradually absorbed in the scale".

The Committee will also recall that an amendment co-sponsored by Egypt and Canada embodying these principles directed the Committee of Contributions at the same time to continue to observe the instructions laid down in General Assembly Resolution 582 (VI) which calls for special consideration to be given to countries with low per capita income. I think this may be accepted fairly as evidence of a genuine desire on Canada's part to avoid shifting financial burdens to countries less able to pay (while, nevertheless, maintaining intact the per

capita ceiling principle embodied in the 1948 Resolution).

We hope and feel confident that Member States will be willing to show their customary patience for another year and permit the Contributions Committee to proceed in an orderly way to the successful conclusion of its efforts.

Under these circumstances, my Delegation is prepared to accept the scale recommended by the Committee for the coming year.

The resolution adopted by a plenary meeting of the Assembly on November 27, 1953 by a vote of 50 in favour (including Canada), 6 against and 2 abstentions is as follows (Docs. A/RESOLUTION/134 and A/2577):

"The General Assembly

Resolves

1. That the scale of assessment for the 1954 budget shall be as follows:

<u>Member State</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Afghanistan	0.08
Argentina	1.40
Australia	1.75
Belgium	1.38
Bolivia	0.06
Brazil	1.40
Burma	0.13
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.50
Canada	3.30
Chile	0.33
China	5.62
Colombia	0.41
Costa Rica	0.40
Cuba	0.34
Czechoslovakia	1.05
Denmark	0.78
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.04
Egypt	0.47
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.10
France	5.75
Greece	0.21
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Iceland	0.04
India	0.40
Indonesia	0.60
Iran	0.28
Iraq	0.12
Israel	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Mexico	0.75
Netherlands	1.25
New Zealand	0.48

<u>Member State (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Nicaragua	Finland	0.04
Norway	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	0.50
Pakistan	Hungary	0.75
Panama	Ireland	0.05
Paraguay	Italy	0.04
Peru	Japan	0.18
Philippines	Laos	0.45
Poland	Liechtenstein	1.73
Saudi Arabia	Monaco	0.07
Sweden	Portugal	1.65
Syria	Roumania	0.08
Thailand	San Marino	0.18
Turkey	Switzerland	0.65
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	Viet-Nam	1.88
Union of South Africa		0.78
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics		14.15
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		9.80
United States of America		33.33
Uruguay		0.18
Venezuela		0.39
Yemen		0.04
Yugoslavia		0.44
		<u>100.00</u>

2. That, notwithstanding the provision of rule 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1954 and a report submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its next regular session;

3. That, notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 5.5, 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 year 1954 in currencies other than United States dollars;

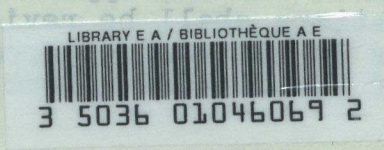
4. That Switzerland shall contribute 1.50 per cent and the Principality of Liechtenstein 0.04 per cent of the expenses of the International Court of Justice for the year 1954, these assessments having been established after consultation with the respective Governments, in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolutions 91 (I) of 11 December 1946 and 363 (IV) of 1 December 1949;

5. That non-member States which are signatories of international instruments relating to the control of narcotic drugs shall be called upon to make contributions towards the annual expenses, commencing with the year 1953, resulting from obligations placed on the United Nations by those instruments, in accordance with the following rates:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Albania	0.04
Austria	0.34
Bulgaria	0.19
Cambodia	0.04
Ceylon	0.13
Federal Republic of Germany	4.30

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0.04	Finland	0.42
0.50	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	0.04
0.75	Hungary	0.48
0.05	Ireland	0.30
0.04	Italy	2.20
0.18	Japan	1.95
0.45	Laos	0.04
1.73	Liechtenstein	0.04
0.07	Monaco	0.04
1.65	Portugal	0.30
0.08	Roumania	0.60
0.18	San Marino	0.04
0.65	Switzerland	1.26
1.88	Viet-Nam	0.17
0.78		
14.15		
6.80		
33.33		
18.18		
39.59		
0.41		
100.00		

6. That, if any non-member States should become Parties to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons during 1953, they should be assessed retroactively in respect of the 1953 expenses of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 493 (V) of 16 November 1950."



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