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ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION
FORTIETH SESSION - 13 to 30 May 1980

Note by the Secretariat

1. All meetings have been scheduled at 10:30 a.m. and at 3 p.m. (Conference Room 8).
2. Following the usual practice, arrangements for the present session of the Committee provide for simultaneous interpretation from and into Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
3. In accordance with past decisions of the Committee, there will be no minutes of meetings nor any sound recording of proceedings. The only published document will be the Committee's report to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly.
4. Some documentation of the Committee including the provisional agenda for the fortieth session have been made available to members in advance of the session. Additional documentation will be made available on the day of the meeting. A list of documents for the present session is attached as Annex I.
5. In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee in 1979, the current session will be of three weeks' duration, ending Friday 30 May 1980. In order to facilitate its work and allow for the drafting, typing, translation and reproduction of its report prior to 30 May, a draft time-table (Annex II) is attached for the Committee's consideration.
6. In order to achieve optimum utilization of conference resources, members are invited to acquaint themselves with General Assembly resolutions 32/71, 33/55, and 33/56, on the Pattern of Conferences, which the Assembly adopted on

the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences. A summary of the possible implications as they affect the work of the Committee is set out below:

- (a) A weekly summary is to be provided to Conference Services indicating the number of meetings held, cancelled, and the loss due to the late starting or early ending.
- (b) Extension of meetings - the normal meeting period is for the morning session 10:30 to 1 p.m. then 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the afternoon session. For an extension of up to 30 minutes beyond those hours the approval of the chief interpreter has to be obtained.

Extensions for a longer period are to be requested at least half a working day in advance; night or weekend meetings are to be requested in writing 24 hours in advance.

- (c) Informal meetings - if it is anticipated that informal meetings requiring conference servicing facilities will take place, such a decision should if possible be conveyed to the Conference Officer prior to any formal announcement or adjournment of the meeting.

ANNEX IList of documents for the session

<u>Title</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>
Provisional agenda	A/CN.2/R.420	1, 2, 3
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Methods to avoid excessive variations of individual rates of assessment between two successive scales	A/CN.2/R.422	6
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Ways of taking into account the particular situations of Member States whose earnings depend heavily on one or a few products	A/CN.2/R.424	6
Ways of taking into account the different methods of national accounting of the Member States and price changes and exchange rates	A/CN.2/R.425	6
National Wealth	A/CN.2/R.426	6
Assessment of new Member States	A/CN.2/R.427	7
Assessment of States not members of the United Nations that participate in various United Nations activities	A/CN.2/R.428 A/CN.2/R.428 Add.1	8
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Requests for advice from specialized agencies	A/CN.2/R.431	10

Reference documents

- 1976 Report of the Committee on Contributions (A/31/11 and Add.1)
- 1977 Report of the Committee on Contributions (A/32/11 and Addendum)
- 1978 Report of the Committee on Contributions (A/33/11 and Addendum)
- 1979 Report of the Committee on Contributions (A/34/11 and Addendum)
- Report of the Fifth Committee (A/32/332)
- Report of the Fifth Committee (A/33/351)
- Report of the Fifth Committee (A/34/608)
- General Assembly resolutions 32/39, 33/11, 33/12, and 34/6

Annex IIDraft time-table for the fortieth
session of the Committee on Contributions

<u>Date</u> <u>in 1980</u>	<u>Agenda</u> <u>item</u>	<u>Subject</u>
13 May (a.m.)	1	Opening of the session
	2	Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman
	3	Adoption of agenda
	4	Organization of the session
	11	Dates of 1981 and 1982 sessions
13 May (p.m.)	6	Discussion on operative paragraphs 2 (a) to 2 (h) of General Assembly resolution 34/6 B of 5 November 1979.
14 to 16 May	6	Continuation of consideration of agenda item 6
19 to 20 May	6	Continuation of consideration of agenda item 6
21 May	6	Conclusion of discussion of agenda item 6
	5	Representations of Member States
	10	Requests for advice from specialized agencies
	7	Assessment of new Member States for 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1982
	8	Assessment of non-Member States
	9	Collection of contributions
	12	Other matters