

1373 (XIV). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. For the years 1959, 1960 and 1961 the assessment for Guinea shall be 0.04 per cent, which shall be in addition to the scale of assessments of 100 per cent contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1308 A (XIII) of 10 December 1958, and shall be applied to the same bases of assessment as for all other Member States;

2. Guinea, which became a Member of the United Nations on 12 December 1958, shall contribute for the year of admission to membership an amount equal to one-ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the net budget for 1958;

3. The advance to the Working Capital Fund by Guinea, under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, shall be 0.04 per cent of the total amount of the Fund and shall be carried as an advance additional to the authorized level of the Fund pending the inclusion of the rate of assessment for Guinea in the scale of 100 per cent.

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The General Assembly,

Considering the wish expressed by certain Member States that their representatives should have access to the statistical and other information at the disposal of the Committee on Contributions,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions in this connexion,¹⁰

Considering that, while it would be desirable if the material at the disposal of the Committee on Contributions could be made available to all Member States, there are practical difficulties, as pointed out by the Committee, in the way of general disclosure of the information in question,

1. *Notes with approval* the suggestion of the Committee on Contributions that all the statistical and other factual information pertaining to the assessment of any individual Member State should, on its request, be made available to that Member;

2. *Recommends* that the Committee on Contributions review this matter periodically, so that, at the discretion of that Committee, any future requests for pertinent information from representatives of Member States wishing to acquaint themselves with other statistical information and supplementary factual material used by the Committee as a basis for its recommendations may be granted.

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¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/4112), section IV.

1374 (XIV). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account for the financial year ended 31 December 1958,¹¹ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixteenth report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.¹²

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1405 (XIV). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's report on public information activities of the United Nations of 16 June 1959,¹³

Recalling its resolutions 13 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations in its public information activities, as well as resolution 1335 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, relating to the implementation of that policy,

Recalling its resolution 1086 (XI) of 21 December 1956, relating to the establishment of information centres,

Noting the policy of budgetary stabilization set forth by the Secretary-General in his report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give continuing and special consideration to the importance of adequate regional representation at the policy-making level of the Office of Public Information and in the information centres;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the agreement of the Governments concerned, to establish such new information centres as appear necessary and practicable, particularly in those regions where mass information media are less developed, preferably by a further decentralization of Headquarters staff and services to the extent he finds possible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enlist the co-operation of the Member States concerned in providing all possible facilities for the establishment of such new centres and in assisting actively in efforts to promote wider public understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

4. *Expresses the hope* that media of information and publicity, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions in all Member States will continue their efforts to expand their commendable activities on behalf of a greater understanding of the United Nations by a fuller dissemination of accurate and objective information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report on the Office of Public Information to the

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/4163).

¹² *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4229.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 52, document A/4122.