

- (ii) The additional criteria contained in resolution A above;
- (iii) The continuing disparity between the economies of developed and developing countries;
- (iv) Methods which avoid excessive variations of individual rates of assessment between two successive scales;
- (v) The debate under agenda item 100 in the Fifth Committee during the thirty-first session, especially the concern expressed regarding steep increases in the rates of individual assessments;

(d) 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 calendar year 1977 in currencies other than United States dollars;

(e) For the year 1975, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe and Mozambique, which became Members of the United Nations on 16 September 1975, and Papua New Guinea, the Comoros and Surinam, which became Members of the United Nations on 10 October, 12 November and 4 December 1975, respectively, shall contribute amounts equal to one ninth of 0.02 per cent;

(f) For the year 1976, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, the Comoros and Surinam shall contribute amounts equal to 0.02 per cent;

(g) The contributions of the six new Member States for 1975 and 1976 shall be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that in the case of appropriations approved under section II of General Assembly resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, and under Assembly resolutions 3374 B (XXX) of 28 November 1975 and 3374 C (XXX) of 2 December 1975 for the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force, including the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, the contributions of those States (in accordance with the group of contributors to which they may be assigned by the Assembly) shall be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

(h) Subject to rule 160 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 1977 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

<i>Non-member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea ..	0.05
Holy See .....	0.02
Liechtenstein .....	0.02
Monaco .....	0.02
Republic of Korea .....	0.13
San Marino .....	0.02
Switzerland .....	0.96
Tonga .....	0.02

the following countries being called upon to contribute:

- (i) *To the International Court of Justice:*  
Liechtenstein,  
San Marino,  
Switzerland;

- (ii) *To the international control of narcotic drugs:*  
Holy See,  
Liechtenstein,  
Monaco,  
Republic of Korea,  
Switzerland,  
Tonga;
- (iii) *To the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:*  
Republic of Korea;
- (iv) *To the Economic Commission for Europe:*  
Switzerland;
- (v) *To the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development:*  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea,  
Holy See,  
Liechtenstein,  
Monaco,  
Republic of Korea,  
San Marino,  
Switzerland;
- (vi) *To the United Nations Industrial Development Organization:*  
Holy See,  
Liechtenstein,  
Monaco,  
Republic of Korea,  
Switzerland;

(i) Notwithstanding the activities listed under subparagraph (h) above, and bearing in mind the provisions of regulation 5.9 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the foregoing non-member States, as well as those listed below, shall also contribute to the expenses of such other activities or conferences in which they participate at the rates established under the present resolution:

<i>Non-member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	
	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>
Nauru .....	0.02	0.02
Western Samoa .....	0.02	0.02

*98th plenary meeting  
14 December 1976*

### **31/96. Enlargement of the Committee on Contributions: amendment to rule 158 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having decided, in paragraph 7 of resolution 31/95 A of 14 December 1976, to enlarge the membership of the Committee on Contributions by five members, effective 1 January 1977,*

*Decides to amend, with effect from 1 January 1977, rule 158 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:*

**"Rule 158"**

"The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of eighteen members."

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14 December 1976*

**31/140. Pattern of conferences***The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2693 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2834 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 2960 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 and 3491 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

**I**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Conferences established by General Assembly resolution 3351 (XXIX);<sup>58</sup>

2. *Approves* the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1977 set forth in annex I to the report;

3. *Takes note* of the tentative calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 set forth in annex II to the report;<sup>59</sup>

4. *Reaffirms* the general principle that, in drawing up the schedule of conferences and meetings, United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters, with the following exceptions:

(a) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme may, in accordance with its rules of procedure, hold one of its sessions at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(b) The sessions of the International Law Commission shall be held at Geneva;

(c) The sessions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law may be held, subject to the provision in section II, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, alternately at Headquarters in New York and at Geneva;

(d) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council may be held at Geneva provided that the closing date falls at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly;

(e) The functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, other than the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, shall meet at their established headquarters unless a more rational pattern of the work programme can be achieved by holding their sessions at Geneva, that decision being without prejudice to any subsequent decision to hold them at Vienna;

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 32 (A/31/32).

<sup>59</sup> In accordance with its resolution 3491 (XXX), the General Assembly will have before it at its thirty-second session for approval the draft calendars for 1978 and 1979 corresponding to the programme budget.

(f) The regular sessions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Western Asia, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly;

(g) The International Civil Service Commission shall hold its regular annual session at Headquarters and, if more than one session is required in any one year, it may accept an invitation from one of its participating organizations to hold its other session or sessions at the headquarters of that participating organization;

5. *Decides* that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved;

6. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences and the Secretary-General to take account of the following principles in drawing up the draft calendar of conferences and meetings:

(a) The biennial calendar of conferences and meetings approved by the General Assembly shall govern the meetings programme during the period concerned;

(b) All United Nations meetings shall be carried out within the resources allocated by the General Assembly for that purpose;

(c) Between sessions of the General Assembly, departures from the calendar may, in special or unusual circumstances, be approved by the Committee on Conferences, provided that changes affecting the subsequent year of the biennium shall be approved by the Assembly;

(d) Subsidiary organs of the General Assembly shall not, without the approval of the Assembly, create new standing bodies or *ad hoc* sessional or intersessional bodies that require additional resources, and other principal organs of the United Nations should make similar decisions with regard to their respective subsidiary bodies, if they have not already done so;

(e) An adequate interval of time, to be determined by the body concerned, shall be allowed between sessions of the same bodies to permit Member States to derive maximum benefit from the activities and to provide sufficient time for the preparation of future activities;

(f) United Nations bodies shall meet at their respective established headquarters, subject to the exceptions to this principle approved by the General Assembly;

**II**

1. *Takes note* of the action taken by its subsidiary organs and by the Secretariat to apply the criteria established by General Assembly resolution 3415 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and urges all bodies to continue their efforts to rationalize their meeting records;