

alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Members:

Mr. Arthur H. Clough,
Mr. Rigoberto Torres Astorga,
Mr. Albert S. Watson;

Alternates:

Mr. A. E. van Braam Houckgeest,
Mr. Fazlollah Nouredin Kia,
Mr. Arthur C. Liveran;

2. Declares these members and alternate members to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

969 (X). Headquarters of the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report²² of the Secretary-General on the Headquarters of the United Nations, and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventh report²³ to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make no further commitments against the Permanent Headquarters Construction Account after 31 August 1956.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

970 (X). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1956, 1957 and 1958 shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Afghanistan	0.06
Argentina	1.28
Australia	1.80
Belgium	1.38
Bolivia	0.05
Brazil	1.20
Burma	0.11
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.53
Canada	3.63
Chile	0.33
China	5.62
Colombia	0.41
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.30
Czechoslovakia	0.92
Denmark	0.72
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.05

²² *Ibid.*, agenda item 41, document A/2948.

²³ *Ibid.*, document A/2997.

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Egypt	0.40
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.12
France	6.23
Greece	0.22
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Iceland	0.04
India	3.25
Indonesia	0.56
Iran	0.30
Iraq	0.13
Israel	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Mexico	0.77
Netherlands	1.25
New Zealand	0.48
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.54
Pakistan	0.60
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.16
Philippines	0.45
Poland	1.70
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Sweden	1.59
Syria	0.08
Thailand	0.18
Turkey	0.69
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	2.02
Union of South Africa	0.78
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	15.28
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8.55
United States of America	33.33
Uruguay	0.18
Venezuela	0.47
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.40

TOTAL 100.00

2. That, unless earlier review is called for in accordance with rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1958, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth 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 years 1956, 1957 and 1958 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. That, subject to revision which may be required in accordance with the principles of rule 161 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 1956, 1957 and 1958 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

Member State	Per cent
Albania	0.04
Austria	0.39
Bulgaria	0.15
Cambodia	0.04
Ceylon	0.12
Finland	0.41
Germany, Federal Republic of	4.61
Hungary	0.50
Ireland	0.21
Italy	2.27
Japan	2.15
Jordan	0.04
Korea, Republic of	0.14
Laos	0.04
Liechtenstein	0.04
Monaco	0.04
Nepal	0.04
Portugal	0.27
Romania	0.55
San Marino	0.04
Switzerland	1.26
Viet-Nam	0.17

The following countries being called upon to contribute:

To the International Court of Justice: Japan, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Switzerland.

To the international control of narcotic drugs: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Switzerland, Viet-Nam.

To the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Cambodia, Ceylon, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Nepal, Viet-Nam.

To the Economic Commission for Europe: Italy.

5. That Laos, which became a member of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East on 16 February 1955, shall be called upon to contribute 0.04 per cent of the expenses of the Commission for 1955, and that Nepal, which became a member on 6 June 1955, shall be called upon to contribute three-quarters of the rates of 0.04 per cent of the expenses of the Commission for 1955;

6. That, if Austria, Finland, Ireland and Portugal, which under Economic and Social Council resolution 517 (XVII) of 22 April 1954 are eligible for membership in the Economic Commission for Europe, should become members before the next review of the assessments, they shall be called upon to contribute an amount calculated, as from the quarter in which membership becomes effective, on the basis of the following rates:

	1955	1956, 1957 and 1958
Austria	0.36	0.39
Finland	0.42	0.41
Ireland	0.25	0.21
Portugal	0.27	0.27

7. That, if any non-member States should become Parties to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons before the next review of the assessments, they should be assessed retroactively from the date of their accession to the Convention in respect of all expenses of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death.

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971 (X). Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Noting the reports of the Secretary-General²⁴ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁵ on the review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Noting the views expressed during the consideration of these reports at the tenth session of the General Assembly, including particularly the interest shown by many Member States in the development of a common system of external audit which would continue to meet the increasing audit requirements of the United Nations and the specialized agencies suitably and efficiently,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To consult with the Board of Auditors and with the heads of the specialized agencies, in conjunction with their External Auditors, concerning the possibility of developing a common system of audit which would meet these requirements and in which the agencies would be willing to participate;

(b) To submit, in time for a final decision to be reached by the General Assembly at its twelfth session, a report recording the progress made in the discussions, and recommending a future course of action including detailed suggestions for any proposed changes, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on these matters;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the twelfth session of the General Assembly an item under the title "Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies".

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972 (X). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report²⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1956;

2. *Invites the attention* of the specialized agencies to the recommendations and suggestions made in the Advisory Committee's report and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the tenth session of the General Assembly.

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973 (X). Use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX EQUALIZATION FUND

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That a Tax Equalization Fund shall be established as from 1 January 1956 to which shall be credited:

²⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 43, document A/2974.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/2990.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 45, document A/3023.