

2960 (XXVII). Pattern of conferences*The General Assembly*

1. Approves the calendar of conferences and meetings as set forth in the addenda²⁶ to the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Reaffirms the applicability of paragraphs 8 to 12 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, which relate to the pattern of conferences and meetings;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to continue to submit programmes of meetings and conferences to the General Assembly at each session for its approval;

4. Approves the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²⁷

5. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular, to prepare the study requested in paragraph 6 of resolution 2609 (XXIV), including a model pattern of conferences for New York, Geneva and Vienna as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 9 of its report and taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the twenty-seventh session, and to submit that study to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

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2961 (XXVII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**A***The General Assembly*

Resolves that:

(a) The rates of assessment for the following States, which were admitted to membership in the United Nations at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly, shall be as follows:

Member State	Per cent
Bahrain	0.04
Oman	0.04
Qatar	0.04
United Arab Emirates	0.04

These rates shall be added to the scale of assessments for 1973 contained in subparagraph (a) of General Assembly resolution 2654 (XXV) of 4 December 1970 and subparagraph (a) of resolution 2762 (XXVI) of 8 November 1971;

(b) For the financial year 1972, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates shall each contribute at the rate of 0.04 per cent, these rates to be applied to the same basis of assessment for 1972 as for other Member States;

(c) For the financial year 1971, the four new Member States shall each contribute an amount equal to one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the same

basis of assessment for 1971 as for other Member States;

(d) The contributions payable by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates for 1971 and 1972 shall be used for the financing of the budget for 1973 under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

(e) The advances to the Working Capital Fund by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall for each of these States be 0.04 per cent of the authorized level of the Fund, and these advances shall be carried as additional to the amount of the Fund;

(f) Switzerland, which under Economic and Social Council resolution 1600 (LI) of 20 July 1971 became a member of the Economic Commission for Europe on 24 March 1972, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Commission for the financial years 1972 and 1973 at the rate of 0.84 per cent.

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B*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, 238 (III) of 18 November 1948, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952 and 1137 (XII) of 14 October 1957 relating to the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations among its Members and the fixing of the maximum contribution of any one Member State,

Affirming that the capacity of Member States to contribute towards the payment of the ordinary expenses of the United Nations is a fundamental criterion on which scales of assessment are based,

Noting that, when it was decided by the General Assembly in 1957 that, in principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations should not exceed 30 per cent of the total, the United Nations consisted of eighty-two Member States,

Noting further that, since the General Assembly decision of 1957, fifty States have been admitted to membership in the United Nations,

Recalling that, since the General Assembly decision of 1957, there has been a reduction in the percentage contribution of the State paying the maximum contribution from 33.33 per cent to 31.52 per cent;

Decides that:

(a) As a matter of principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations shall not exceed 25 per cent of the total;

(b) In preparing scales of assessment for future years, the Committee on Contributions shall implement subparagraph (a) above as soon as practicable so as to reduce to 25 per cent the percentage contribution of the Member State paying the maximum contribution, utilizing for this purpose to the extent necessary:

(i) The percentage contributions of any newly admitted Member States immediately upon their admission;

(ii) The normal triennial increase in the percentage contributions of Member States resulting from increases in their national incomes;

²⁶ A/8790/Add.1 and 2.

²⁷ A/8868 and Add.1.