



## **Scale of assessments for the financial period 1998-1999**

### **Report by the Director-General**

Financial Regulation 5.3 provides that in the first year of the financial period the Health Assembly may decide to amend the scale of assessments to be applied to the second year of the financial period. Further, resolution WHA50.33 as adopted by the Fiftieth World Health Assembly in May 1997, requested the Director-General to report to the Fifty-first World Health Assembly on changes, if any, to the scale of assessments adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-second session, and on all the implications for WHO, including its earliest comparable application, taking into account the deliberations of the Fiftieth World Health Assembly and in accordance with the Constitution and Financial Regulations of WHO and relevant Health Assembly resolutions.

#### **PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WHO SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS**

1. The principles and criteria currently applied in calculating the WHO scale of assessments were established in resolutions WHA24.12 and WHA26.21, and may be summarized as follows:

- |  | <b>Resolution</b> |
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| 1.1 The latest available United Nations scale of assessments shall be used as a basis for determining the WHO scale of assessments, taking account of: |                   |
| (a) the difference in membership; and  |                   |
| (b) the establishment of minima and maxima.  | WHA24.12          |

**Resolution**

1.2 The scale of assessments in WHO should follow as closely as possible that of the United Nations and:

- (1) as a matter of principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State in the WHO scale of assessments shall not exceed 25% of the total;
- (2) the minimum assessment in the WHO scale shall conform to that established in future scales of assessments of the United Nations.

WHA26.21

2. The full text of Financial Regulation 5.3 states as follows:

*The Health Assembly shall adopt a total budget level and scale of assessments for the following financial period. The assessed contributions of Members based on the scale of assessments shall be divided, after applying credits due to Members in accordance with any financial incentive scheme that may be adopted by the Health Assembly, into two equal annual instalments, the first of which shall relate to the first year and the second of which shall relate to the second year of the financial period. In the first year of the financial period, the Health Assembly may decide to amend the scale of assessments to be applied to the second year of the financial period.*

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3. The United Nations General Assembly adopts its scales of assessments for three-year periods at a time. Until 1995, the contributions payable were identical for all countries for each of the three years. For 1995-1997 and most recently, for 1998-2000, each of the years has a different contribution for some countries, while others have the same contributions for all three years.

4. Given the process of biennial budgeting in WHO and the timing of the Health Assembly, the possibility of amending the WHO scale in the second year of the financial period to reflect the latest United Nations scale arises only every six years. On the three past such occasions (1981, 1987 and 1993), the Health Assembly chose to amend the scale applicable in the second year of the financial period in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.3. The fourth such occasion now arises with respect to the WHO assessment for 1999, the second year of the current biennium.

5. Resolution WHA50.33 requests the Director-General to report on changes in the United Nations scale made by the General Assembly. The new United Nations scales for 1998-2000<sup>1</sup> have a number of differences from the 1997 scale, including the reduction from 0.01% to 0.001% as the minimum contribution. For many other countries, there are different contribution percentages for each year, some increasing over the period and others decreasing. The maximum contribution remains at 25% throughout. It should be noted that the WHO scale for 1998 was based on the latest available United Nations scale, namely that of 1997, and does not therefore include any of the changes adopted by the United Nations for 1998.

6. The Health Assembly also requested the Director-General to report on the earliest comparable application of the changes to the scale of assessments adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. The earliest application, in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.3, is 1999. As regards the question of comparable application, this depends on whether the matter is viewed with respect to the entire 1998-1999 biennium or simply with respect to 1999. To achieve comparability for the biennium as a whole, it would be necessary to incorporate

<sup>1</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/52/215.

into the WHO scale for 1999 the effect of the change in the United Nations scale from 1997 to 1998. To achieve comparability for 1999 alone, the United Nations scale for 1999 would be applied. The two approaches clearly produce different results, the former achieving biennial comparability but at the expense of effectively creating a special 1999 scale for WHO which is not comparable to the 1999 scale of the United Nations.

7. There is no guidance in the official texts on the issue of comparability. However, it may be noted that on the three previous occasions when the Health Assembly amended the scale for the second year of the biennium, it used the latest available scale from the United Nations pertaining to that second year without adjustment for any changes in the preceding year. Thus, when amending the WHO scale for 1993, the Health Assembly did not take into account the fact that the United Nations had adopted a different scale for 1992 from the WHO scale for that year. Such an approach would now imply using only the 1999 scale of the United Nations as the basis for calculating the WHO 1999 scale.

8. Taking into account the foregoing, the proposed scale of assessments for 1999 contained in the Annex to this document for consideration of the Health Assembly has been calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments for 1999, as approved by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution A/RES/52/215.<sup>1</sup>

9. In the proposed WHO scale for 1999, no Member or Associate Member is assessed at a level higher than in the United Nations scale for 1999. The assessment percentages of 122 Members and Associate Members (including 42 assessed at the minimum of 0.001%) are at the same level in both scales, whereas those of 71 are lower in the WHO scale than in the United Nations scale.

## **MATTERS FOR THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

10. The Health Assembly may wish to consider the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

The Fifty-first World Health Assembly

1. DECIDES that the scale of assessments for the year 1999 shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 below, be as follows:

[Scale as in column (4) of the Annex.]

2. REQUESTS the Director-General, in the event that assessments are fixed provisionally or definitively by the present Health Assembly for any new Members not already included in the scale, to adjust the scale as set forth in paragraph 1.

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<sup>1</sup> The resolution is not reproduced in the present document; but for the purpose of comparison, the United Nations percentage assessments are shown in column (3) of the Annex.

## ANNEX

**WHO SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1998,  
UNITED NATIONS SCALE FOR THE YEAR 1999  
AND WHO (REVISED) SCALE FOR THE YEAR 1999**

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Members and Associate Members	WHO scale 1998 %	United Nations scale 1999 %	WHO (revised) scale 1999 %
Afghanistan	0.01	0.003	0.003
Albania	0.01	0.003	0.003
Algeria	0.16	0.094	0.092
Andorra	0.01	0.004	0.004
Angola	0.01	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.01	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.47	1.024	1.008
Armenia	0.05	0.011	0.011
Australia	1.45	1.482	1.458
Austria	0.85	0.941	0.926
Azerbaijan	0.11	0.022	0.022
Bahamas	0.02	0.015	0.015
Bahrain	0.02	0.017	0.017
Bangladesh	0.01	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.01	0.008	0.008
Belarus	0.27	0.082	0.081
Belgium	0.99	1.103	1.085
Belize	0.01	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.01	0.002	0.002
Bhutan	0.01	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.01	0.007	0.007
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.01	0.005	0.005
Botswana	0.01	0.010	0.010
Brazil	1.59	1.470	1.446
Brunei Darussalam	0.02	0.020	0.020
Bulgaria	0.08	0.019	0.019
Burkina Faso	0.01	0.002	0.002
Burundi	0.01	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.01	0.001	0.001
Cameroon	0.01	0.013	0.013
Canada	3.06	2.754	2.710
Cape Verde	0.01	0.002	0.002
Central African Republic	0.01	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.01	0.001	0.001
Chile	0.08	0.131	0.129
China	0.73	0.973	0.957
Colombia	0.10	0.109	0.107
Comoros	0.01	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.01	0.003	0.003
Cook Islands <sup>a</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	0.001
Costa Rica	0.01	0.016	0.016

<sup>a</sup> Not a Member of the United Nations.

<sup>b</sup> Assumed United Nations rate if State or territory had been a Member of the United Nations.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Members and Associate Members	WHO scale 1998 %	United Nations scale 1999 %	WHO (revised) scale 1999 %
Cote d'Ivoire	0.01	0.009	0.009
Croatia	0.09	0.036	0.035
Cuba	0.05	0.026	0.025
Cyprus	0.03	0.034	0.033
Czech Republic	0.24	0.121	0.119
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.05	0.019	0.019
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.01	0.007	0.007
Denmark	0.71	0.691	0.680
Djibouti	0.01	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.01	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.01	0.015	0.015
Ecuador	0.02	0.020	0.020
Egypt	0.08	0.065	0.064
El Salvador	0.01	0.012	0.012
Equatorial Guinea	0.01	0.001	0.001
Eritrea	0.01	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.04	0.015	0.015
Ethiopia	0.01	0.006	0.006
Fiji	0.01	0.004	0.004
Finland	0.61	0.542	0.533
France	6.31	6.540	6.435
Gabon	0.01	0.015	0.015
Gambia	0.01	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.11	0.019	0.019
Germany	8.90	9.808	9.651
Ghana	0.01	0.007	0.007
Greece	0.37	0.351	0.345
Grenada	0.01	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.02	0.018	0.018
Guinea	0.01	0.003	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.01	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.01	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.01	0.002	0.002
Honduras	0.01	0.003	0.003
Hungary	0.14	0.120	0.118
Iceland	0.03	0.032	0.031
India	0.30	0.299	0.294
Indonesia	0.14	0.184	0.181
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.44	0.193	0.190
Iraq	0.14	0.045	0.044
Ireland	0.20	0.224	0.220
Israel	0.26	0.345	0.339
Italy	5.16	5.432	5.345
Jamaica	0.01	0.006	0.006
Japan	15.38	19.984	19.665
Jordan	0.01	0.006	0.006
Kazakhstan	0.19	0.066	0.065
Kenya	0.01	0.007	0.007
Kiribati <sup>a</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	0.001
Kuwait	0.19	0.134	0.132
Kyrgyzstan	0.03	0.008	0.008

<sup>a</sup> Not a Member of the United Nations.

<sup>b</sup> Assumed United Nations rate if State or territory had been a Member of the United Nations.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Members and Associate Members	WHO scale 1998 %	United Nations scale 1999 %	WHO (revised) scale 1999 %
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.01	0.001	0.001
Latvia	0.08	0.024	0.024
Lebanon	0.01	0.016	0.016
Lesotho	0.01	0.002	0.002
Liberia	0.01	0.002	0.002
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.20	0.132	0.130
Lithuania	0.08	0.022	0.022
Luxembourg	0.07	0.068	0.067
Madagascar	0.01	0.003	0.003
Malawi	0.01	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.14	0.180	0.177
Maldives	0.01	0.001	0.001
Mali	0.01	0.002	0.002
Malta	0.01	0.014	0.014
Marshall Islands	0.01	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.01	0.001	0.001
Mauritius	0.01	0.009	0.009
Mexico	0.78	0.980	0.964
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.01	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.01	0.004	0.004
Mongolia	0.01	0.002	0.002
Morocco	0.03	0.041	0.040
Mozambique	0.01	0.001	0.001
Myanmar	0.01	0.008	0.008
Namibia	0.01	0.007	0.007
Nauru <sup>a</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>a</sup>	0.001
Nepal	0.01	0.004	0.004
Netherlands	1.56	1.631	1.605
New Zealand	0.23	0.221	0.217
Nicaragua	0.01	0.001	0.001
Niger	0.01	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.11	0.040	0.039
Niue <sup>a</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	0.001
Norway	0.55	0.610	0.600
Oman	0.04	0.051	0.050
Pakistan	0.06	0.059	0.058
Palau	0.01	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.01	0.013	0.013
Papua New Guinea	0.01	0.007	0.007
Paraguay	0.01	0.014	0.014
Peru	0.06	0.095	0.093
Philippines	0.06	0.080	0.079
Poland	0.32	0.207	0.204
Portugal	0.27	0.417	0.410
Puerto Rico <sup>b,c</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>d</sup>	0.001
Qatar	0.04	0.033	0.032
Republic of Korea	0.80	0.994	0.978
Republic of Moldova	0.08	0.018	0.018

<sup>a</sup> Assessment imposed on a State which is not a Member of the United Nations, but participates in certain of its activities.

<sup>b</sup> Not a Member of the United Nations.

<sup>c</sup> Associate Member of WHO.

<sup>d</sup> Assumed United Nations rate if State or territory had been a Member of the United Nations.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Members and Associate Members	WHO scale 1998 %	United Nations scale 1999 %	WHO (revised) scale 1999 %
Romania	0.15	0.067	0.066
Russian Federation	4.20	1.487	1.463
Rwanda	0.01	0.001	0.001
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.01	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.01	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.01	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.01	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.01	0.002	0.002
Sao Tome and Principe	0.01	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	0.70	0.569	0.560
Senegal	0.01	0.006	0.006
Seychelles	0.01	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.01	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.14	0.176	0.173
Slovakia	0.08	0.039	0.038
Slovenia	0.07	0.061	0.060
Solomon Islands	0.01	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.01	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.31	0.366	0.360
Spain	2.34	2.589	2.548
Sri Lanka	0.01	0.012	0.012
Sudan	0.01	0.007	0.007
Suriname	0.01	0.004	0.004
Swaziland	0.01	0.002	0.002
Sweden	1.21	1.084	1.067
Switzerland <sup>a</sup>	1.19	1.215 <sup>a</sup>	1.196
Syrian Arab Republic	0.05	0.064	0.063
Tajikistan	0.02	0.005	0.005
Thailand	0.13	0.167	0.164
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.01	0.004	0.004
Togo	0.01	0.001	0.001
Tokelau <sup>a,b</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>c</sup>	0.001
Tonga <sup>a</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>d</sup>	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.03	0.017	0.017
Tunisia	0.03	0.028	0.027
Turkey	0.37	0.440	0.433
Turkmenistan	0.03	0.008	0.008
Tuvalu <sup>b</sup>	0.01	0.001 <sup>c</sup>	0.001
Uganda	0.01	0.004	0.004
Ukraine	1.07	0.302	0.297
United Arab Emirates	0.19	0.178	0.175
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5.23	5.090	5.009
United Republic of Tanzania	0.01	0.003	0.003
United States of America	25.00	25.000	25.000
Uruguay	0.04	0.048	0.047
Uzbekistan	0.13	0.037	0.036
Vanuatu	0.01	0.001	0.001

<sup>a</sup> Assessment imposed on a State which is not a Member of the United Nations, but participates in certain of its activities.

<sup>b</sup> Not a Member of the United Nations.

<sup>c</sup> Assumed United Nations rate if State or territory had been a Member of the United Nations.

(1) Members and Associate Members	(2) WHO scale 1998	(3) United Nations scale 1999	(4) WHO (revised) scale 1999
	%	%	%
Venezuela	0.32	0.176	0.173
Viet Nam	0.01	0.007	0.007
Yemen	0.01	0.010	0.010
Yugoslavia	0.10	0.034	0.033
Zambia	0.01	0.002	0.002
Zimbabwe	0.01	0.009	0.009

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