Scale of assessments for 2002-2003

Third report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly

1. The Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met on 11 May 2001 under the chairmanship of Professor T. Zeltner (Switzerland) to consider, *inter alia*, the scale of assessments for the financial period 2002-2003.

2. The Chairman noted that the principles and criteria applied in calculating the WHO scale of assessments were described in document A54/27, and that the WHO scale of assessments proposed for 2002-2003 followed that adopted by the United Nations for 2001-2003, as adjusted for differences in membership between WHO and the United Nations.

3. Following a question about the way in which the United Nations scales were calculated, the Secretariat was requested to provide the next meeting of the Committee with explanatory information about the United Nations calculation methodology.

4. The Committee agreed that the scale of assessments was an important issue. In view of the changes in the United Nations scale and bearing in mind the principle established by previous Health Assemblies to follow that scale as closely as possible, the matter would need to be examined by the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly.