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REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON ASSESSMENTS TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LEGAL MATTERS

The Working Party which was established by the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters consisted of delegates of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ceylon, El Salvador, India, Iraq, Netherlands, Pakistan, Switzerland, Union of South Africa, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

The Working Party met on 17 and 18 May 1955. Sir Arcot Mudaliar (India) was elected Chairman and Mr M. I. Botha (South Africa) was elected Rapporteur.

1. Terms of reference

The terms of reference of the Working Party were to examine the various draft resolutions referred to the Working Party by the main Committee and to present to the Committee in due course a proposal that would take into account the various principles involved in the question of assessment, in light of the discussion which took place in the main Committee.

2. The discussion centered around three main principles involved in determining a system of assessment. These three principles were:

- (a) application of the latest available United Nations scale in WHO.

(b) method of applying such a scale to the membership of WHO, and

(c) application of the per capita limitation principle.

3. Resulting from this discussion the Working Party decided to recommend to the main Committee that it propose to the Health Assembly the adoption of the resolution contained in Annex 1.

It will be noted that the changeover from the present to the new scale is to be attained in four annual stages.

The attached document (Annex 2) indicates the assessment of Member States in 1956 if these recommendations were adopted. For purposes of comparison, the same basic data was used as was used to prepare the tables appearing in Appendix 2 to Annex 11 of Official Records No. 60.

4. The proposal of the Working Party represents a compromise agreed to by a majority of the Working Party. Some delegations reserved the right to restate their position in the main Committee.

5. The Working Party noted that in the report (Annex 11 Official Records No. 60, para. 4) the Executive Board had drawn attention to the special assessments of Korea and Austria which had been fixed by the Fourth World Health Assembly.

The attention of the Working Party was drawn to the communications from Ceylon and Burma appearing in Appendix 2 to Annex 11 of Official Records No. 60. The Delegation of Ceylon drew attention to the fact that if the recommendations of the Working Party were adopted his country's assessment would be increased almost 300 per cent. and, in the

opinion of this Delegation, the assessment of Finland would also be excessively increased.

The Working Party felt that under its terms of reference it could not deal with adjustments of individual members and could therefore only bring these matters to the attention of the main Committee.

WORKING PARTY ON SCALES OF ASSESSMENT

The Eighth World Health Assembly

Having considered the resolution¹ of the Seventh World Health Assembly and the results of the study² carried out by the Executive Board at its Fifteenth Session;

Considering that the World Health Assembly in its previous sessions has expressed the opinion that the United Nations scale shall be used as a basis for determining the Scale of Assessments to be used by WHO, taking account of (a) the difference in membership; (b) the establishment of minima and maxima, including the provision that no country shall be required to pay more per capita than the per capita contribution of the highest contributor;

1. DECIDES that WHO should progress toward the full application of these principles in four annual stages as provided in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 below.
2. DECIDES that the WHO Scales of Assessments should be established as provided in this paragraph, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4;

¹ 7.15 and 7.16

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 60, Annex 11, EB15.R35

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- 2.1 that the United Nations scale of assessment for 1955 as adjusted to the WHO membership be adopted for 1956 provided that only one-fourth of the adjustment to make the revision in the WHO 1955 scale shall be effected in establishing the 1956 WHO scale;
 - 2.2 that the United Nations scale of assessment for 1956 as adjusted to the WHO membership be adopted for 1957 provided that only one-third of the adjustment to make the revision in the WHO 1956 scale shall be effected in establishing the 1957 WHO scale;
 - 2.3 that the United Nations scale of assessment for 1957 as adjusted to the WHO membership be adopted for 1958 provided that only one half of the adjustment to make the revision in the WHO 1957 scale shall be effected in establishing the WHO 1958 scale;
 - 2.4 that the United Nations scale of assessment for 1958 as adjusted to the WHO membership be adopted for 1959; and
 - 2.5 that in establishing the scale of assessment to be used in 1960 and future years, the Health Assembly further adjust the WHO scale to take into account the latest available United Nations scale of assessment;
3. DECIDES that in the application of the principle that the maximum assessment of any one Member shall not exceed $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent., such maximum assessment shall be calculated as a percentage of the total assessments of the Members actively participating in the work of the Organization; and, that this principle shall be progressively implemented in relation to the WHO 1955 scale in four annual stages as follows:

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- 3.1 for 1956 one-fourth of the adjustment shall be applied;
 - 3.2 for 1957 one-half of the adjustment shall be applied;
 - 3.3 for 1958 three-fourths of the adjustment shall be applied;
 - 3.4 for 1959 and future years the full adjustment shall be applied;
 - 3.5 Provided that, in the event of the return to active participation of some or all of the non-participating members, the provisions of this paragraph shall be reconsidered by the Health Assembly with the view of accelerating the date by which the maximum assessment would be $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.
4. DECIDES that the per capita limitation principle shall be progressively implemented over a period of four years as follows:
- 4.1 for 1956 one-fourth of the adjustments shall be applied;
 - 4.2 for 1957 one-half of the adjustments shall be applied;
 - 4.3 for 1958 three-fourths of the adjustments shall be applied;
 - 4.4 for 1959 and future years the full application of the per capita ceiling shall be made.

STATEMENT SHOWING ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBER STATES,
BASED ON THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1956
(OFFICIAL RECORD No. 58)

The statement illustrates the effect of applying the recommendations
of the Working Party on scales of assessment to the assessments of the Member States in 1956

TABLEAU MONTRANT LES CONTRIBUTIONS DES ETATS MEMBRES EN PRENANT POUR
BASE LE PROJET DE PROGRAMME ET DE BUDGET DU DIRECTEUR GENERAL POUR 1956
(ACTES OFFICIALES 58)

Ce tableau indique les effets qu'aurait sur les contributions des Etats
Membres l'application des recommandations formulées par le Groupe de
travail sur les baremes de contributions en 1956

MEMBER STATES	Scale of Assessment	Corresponding Contributions	Adjustments Required for per capita limitations		Contributions as Adjusted
			Reductions	Increases	
ETATS MEMBRES (1)	Taux de Contribution (2)	Contribution Correspondante (3)	Adjustement resultant du principe de la contribution maximum par habitant		Contribution après Ajustement (6)
			Reduction (4)	Augmentation (5)	
<u>A. Active Members</u> <u>Membres Actifs</u>					
Afghanistan	7	5,930		10	5,940
Argentina/Argentine	204	172,710		410	173,120
Australia/Australie	228	193,030	700	-	192,330
Austria/Autriche	23	19,470		50	19,520
Belgium/Belgique	160	135,460		320	135,780
Bolivia/Bolivie	8	6,770		20	6,790
Brazil/Brésil	204	172,710		410	173,120
Burma/Birmanie	8	6,770		20	6,790
Cambodia/Cambodge	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Canada	391	331,040	3,120	-	327,920
Ceylon/Ceylan	8	6,770		20	6,790
Chile/Chili	49	41,490		100	41,590
China/Chine	x	-		-	-
Costa Rica	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Cuba	34	28,790		70	28,860
Denmark/Danemark	92	77,890		180	78,070
Dominican Republic/ Republique Dominicaine	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Ecuador/Equateur	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Egypt/Egypte	82	69,420		160	69,580
El Salvador/Salvador	7	5,930		10	5,940
Ethiopia/Ethiopie	11	9,310		20	9,330

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MEMBER STATES	Scale of Assessment	Corresponding Contributions	Adjustments Required for per capita limitations		Contributions as Adjusted
			Reductions	Increases	
ETATS MEMBRES	Taux de Contribution	Contribution Correspondante	Adjustement resultant du principe de la contribution maximum per habitant		Contribution apres Adjustement
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
A. Active Members					
Membres Actifs					
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	3	2,540		12	2,550
Finland/Finlande	25	21,170		50	21,220
France	707	598,570		1,410	599,980
Germany/Allemagne	414	350,510		830	351,340
Greece/Grece	21	17,780		40	17,820
Guatemala	7	5,930		10	5,940
Haiti/Haïti	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Honduras	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Iceland/Islande	x	4,340	Min	-	4,340
India/Inde	386	326,800		770	327,570
Republic of Indonesia/Indonésie République d'	46	38,950		90	39,040
Iran	47	39,790		90	39,880
Iraq/Irak	18	15,240		40	15,280
Ireland/Irlande	39	33,020		80	33,100
Israel/Israël	16	13,550		30	13,580
Italy/Italie	252	213,350		500	213,850
Japan/Japon	218	184,570		440	185,010
Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan/Royaume hachémite de Jordanie	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Korea/Coreée	7	5,930		10	5,940
Laos	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Lebanon/Liban	6	5,080		10	5,090
Liberia/Libéria	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Libya/Libye	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Luxembourg	7	5,930		10	5,940
Mexico/Mexique	80	67,730		160	67,890
Monaco	x	4,340	Min	-	4,340
Morocco	3	2,540		10	2,550
Nepal	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Netherlands/Pays-Bas	161	136,310		320	136,630
New Zealand/Nouvelle-Zélande	58	49,110	1,250	-	47,860

MEMBER STATES ETATS MEMBRES (1)	Scale of Assessment Taux de Contribution (2)	Corresponding Contributions Contribution Correspondante (3)	Adjustments Required for per capita limitations		Contributions as Adjusted Contribution apres Adjustement (6)
			Reductions	Increases	
			Adjustement resultant du principe de la contribution maximum per habitant		
			Reduction	Augmentation	
			(4)	(5)	
A. <u>Active Members</u> Membres Actifs					
Nicaragua	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Norway/Norvège	59	49,950		120	50,070
Pakistan	81	68,580		160	68,740
Panama	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Paraguay	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Peru/Pérou	23	19,470		50	19,520
Philippines	39	33,020		80	33,100
Portugal	43	36,400		90	36,490
Saudi Arabia/Arabie Saoudite	9	7,620		20	7,640
Spain/Espagne	135	114,300		270	114,570
Sweden/Suede	229	193,880	9,830	-	184,050
Switzerland/Suisse	126	106,680	360	-	106,320
Syria/Syrie	12	10,160		20	10,180
Thailand/Thaïlande	29	24,550		60	24,610
Tunisia	3	2,540		10	2,550
Turkey/Turquie	100	84,660		200	84,860
Union of South Africa/ Union Sud-Africaine	122	103,290		250	103,540
United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	1,285	1,087,930		2,570	1,090,500
United States of America/ Etats-Unis d'Amérique	xx <i>31.721</i>	3,441,820	-	-	3,441,820
Uruguay	21	17,780		40	17,820
Venezuela	37	31,330		70	31,400
Viet Nam	23	19,470		50	19,520
Yemen	x	4,340		Min	4,340
Yugoslavia/Yougoslavie	43	36,400		90	36,490
Total Active Members Total pour les Membres actifs	<u>6,456</u>	<u>8,981,500</u>	<u>15,260</u>	<u>10,860</u>	<u>8,977,100</u>

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MEMBER STATES ETATS MEMBRES (1)	Scale of Assessment Taux de Contribution (2)	Corresponding Contributions Contribution Correspondante (3)	Adjustments Required for per capita limitations		Contributions as Adjusted Contribution après Adjustement (6)
			Reductions Reduction (4)	Increases Augmentation (5)	
			Adjustement resultant du principe de la contribution maximum per habitant		
B. Special Assessments Contributions Spéciales					
China/Chine	699	591,800		1,390	593,190
Total Special Assessments Total pour les Contributions spéciales	699	591,800		1,390	593,190
C. Inactive Members Membres passifs					
Albania/Albanie	x	4,340	-	Min	4,340
Bulgaria/Bulgarie	18	15,240		40	15,280
Byelorussian S.S.R./Biélorussie	35	29,630		70	29,700
Czechoslovakia/Tchécoslovaquie	107	90,590		210	90,800
Hungary/Hongrie	33	27,940		70	28,010
Poland/Pologne	135	114,300		270	114,570
Roumania/Roumanie	48	40,640		100	40,740
Ukrainian S.S.R./Ukraine	133	112,600		270	112,870
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)/ Union des Républiques Socialistes Soviétiques (URSS)	1,000	846,620		1,980	848,600
Total Inactive Members Total pour les Membres passifs	1,509	1,281,900		3,010	1,284,910
Grand Total Total général	8,664	10,855,200	15,260	15,260	10,855,200

x Assessment 0.04 per cent
Taux de Contribution 0.04 per cent.

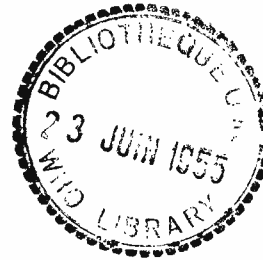
x* Special Assessment on Largest Contributor
Contribution Spéciale du plus fort Contributaire

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FINANCE AND LEGAL MATTERSProposal of the United States of America

It is proposed that paragraph 3 of the draft resolution recommended by the Working Party on Assessments be amended as follows:

- (1) Insert in line 3, after the words "such maximum assessment shall", the following words: "in the WHO scale for 1956".
- (2) End the sentence after the word "Organization" in line 5 and delete the balance of the sentence.
- (3) Delete the parts numbered 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5.

Paragraph 3 would then read as follows:

"3. DECIDES that, in the application of the principle that the maximum assessment of any one Member shall not exceed 33-1/3 per cent; such maximum assessment shall, in the WHO scale for 1956, be calculated as a percentage of the total assessments of the Members actively participating in the work of the Organization."

No change is proposed in any other part of the draft resolution as set forth in document A8/AFL/19.