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# FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**Scale of Contributions 2016 - 2017**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This paper is submitted for the action of the Finance Committee, as required under General Rule XXVII 7, which provides that “the Finance Committee shall assist the Council in exercising control over the financial administration of the Organization and shall have, in particular, the following function:  
“(j) to keep under review the Scale of Contributions and to submit recommendations to the Council regarding any modification of such scale.”
- The Organization follows the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for different membership. The FAO Scale of Contributions for 2016-17 is derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2015.
- Unless there is a change in membership due to admission of new Member states at the Conference in June 2015, the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2016-17 will not differ from the Scale for 2014-15.

### GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is requested to recommend the Resolution on the Scale of Contributions 2016-17 contained in this document to Council for transmittal to Conference for adoption.

#### Draft Advice

#### **The Committee:**

- **reviewed and endorsed the proposed Scale of Contributions for the biennium 2016-2017 set out in document FC 157/5;**
- **transmitted to the Council the draft resolution for adoption of the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2016-17 by the Conference.**

## Introduction

1. This paper is submitted for the action of the Finance Committee, as required under General Rule XXVII 7, which provides that "the Finance Committee shall assist the Council in exercising control over the financial administration of the Organization and shall have, in particular, the following function:

*(j) to keep under review the Scale of Contributions and to submit recommendations to the Council regarding any modification of such scale."*

2. The practice of the Organization to derive its Scale of Contributions directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments has always been followed since 1955, when the Eighth Session of the Conference (November 1955) adopted the following Resolution:

### *Resolution 42/55*

#### THE CONFERENCE

Having noted the report of the Working Party on the Scale of Contributions as well as the recommendations of the Twenty-first Session of the Council;

Considering that the United Nations Committee on Contributions is the most qualified body for assessing Member Governments' ability to pay as well as all the other factors entering in the computation of an equitable scale of contributions;

Adopts the recommendation of the Council;

Decides that the FAO Scale of Contributions will in future be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments as in force during the calendar year of the Conference Session, and will be applicable to the two following fiscal years.

3. The Seventeenth Session of the Conference (November 1973) requested the Finance Committee to:

*"submit to the Council, with a view to consideration by the Eighteenth Session of the Conference, a report which could serve as a basis for discussing whether or not FAO's Scale of Contributions should continue to be derived from the prevailing scale of assessments of the United Nations"*

4. The Eighteenth Session of the Conference (November 1975), having reviewed "the very thorough and detailed study" made by the Committee, concluded that it would be appropriate to continue to derive the FAO Scale from that of the United Nations.

5. The Twenty-second Session of the Conference (November 1983), noting the reservations expressed by several members regarding the criteria on which the current UN Scale had been based, concurred, nevertheless, with the view of the Council at its Eighty-third Session (June 1983), that the UN Committee on Contributions was the most qualified body for assessing Member Nation's real ability to pay. The Conference also agreed with the observations of the Council that departure from the practice of deriving the FAO Scale directly from the UN Scale would lead to duplication of the work of the UN Committee on Contributions, would have undesirable repercussions throughout the UN System and would lead to Governing Bodies of FAO dedicating an inordinate amount of time on this administrative matter in efforts to develop a viable alternative.

6. Appended hereto is the proposed FAO Scale of Contributions for the years 2016 and 2017, which, in accordance with the foregoing, has been derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments approved for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, as established by General Assembly Resolution 67/238 adopted on 21 December 2012.

7. Since the total of the UN assessment rates of Members of the United Nations which are not Members of FAO exceed the total of those of Members of FAO which are not Members of the United Nations, the UN assessment rate of each FAO Member Nation, with the exception of those to which the minimum and maximum rates are applicable, must be increased, pro rata, in order to arrive at a FAO Scale of Contributions adding up to a full 100 percent.

8. The Finance Committee is requested to recommend the following draft resolution for adoption of the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2016-17 by the Conference:

### **DRAFT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION**

#### **Scale of Contributions 2016-17**

#### **THE CONFERENCE,**

**Having noted** the recommendations of the Hundred and Fifty-first Session of the Council;

**Confirming** that as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different membership of FAO;

1. **Decides** that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2016-17 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2015;

2. **Adopts** for use in 2016 and 2017 the Scale as set out in the Annex of this report.

## ANNEX

**Proposed Scale of Contributions 2016-2017**  
**(2014-2015 Scale shown for comparative purposes)**

	<b>Proposed Scale<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Actual Scale<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Member Nation</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Afghanistan	0.005	0.005
Albania	0.010	0.010
Algeria	0.137	0.137
Andorra	0.008	0.008
Angola	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.432	0.432
Armenia	0.007	0.007
Australia	2.074	2.074
Austria	0.798	0.798
Azerbaijan	0.040	0.040
Bahamas	0.017	0.017
Bahrain	0.039	0.039
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.008	0.008
Belarus	0.056	0.056
Belgium	0.998	0.998
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.009	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.017	0.017
Botswana	0.017	0.017
Brazil	2.934	2.934
Brunei Darussalam	0.026	0.026

<sup>1</sup> Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2013-2015 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 67/238 of 21 December 2012

<sup>2</sup> Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2013-2015 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 67/238 of 21 December 2012

Bulgaria	0.047	0.047
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.004	0.004
Cameroon	0.012	0.012
Canada	2.985	2.985
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.002	0.002
Chile	0.334	0.334
China	5.149	5.149
Colombia	0.259	0.259
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.005	0.005
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.038	0.038
Côte d'Ivoire	0.011	0.011
Croatia	0.126	0.126
Cuba	0.069	0.069
Cyprus	0.047	0.047
Czech Republic	0.386	0.386
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.003	0.003
Denmark	0.675	0.675
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.045	0.045
Ecuador	0.044	0.044
Egypt	0.134	0.134
El Salvador	0.016	0.016
Equatorial Guinea	0.010	0.010
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.040	0.040
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010
Fiji	0.003	0.003

Finland	0.519	0.519
France	5.594	5.594
Gabon	0.020	0.020
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.007	0.007
Germany	7.142	7.142
Ghana	0.014	0.014
Greece	0.638	0.638
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.027	0.027
Guinea	0.001	0.001
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.008	0.008
Hungary	0.266	0.266
Iceland	0.027	0.027
India	0.666	0.666
Indonesia	0.346	0.346
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.356	0.356
Iraq	0.068	0.068
Ireland	0.418	0.418
Israel	0.396	0.396
Italy	4.449	4.449
Jamaica	0.011	0.011
Japan	10.834	10.834
Jordan	0.022	0.022
Kazakhstan	0.121	0.121
Kenya	0.013	0.013
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.273	0.273
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.002	0.002
Latvia	0.047	0.047
Lebanon	0.042	0.042

Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.142	0.142
Lithuania	0.073	0.073
Luxembourg	0.081	0.081
Madagascar	0.003	0.003
Malawi	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.281	0.281
Maldives	0.001	0.001
Mali	0.004	0.004
Malta	0.016	0.016
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.013	0.013
Mexico	1.842	1.842
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.012	0.012
Mongolia	0.003	0.003
Montenegro	0.005	0.005
Morocco	0.062	0.062
Mozambique	0.003	0.003
Myanmar	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.010	0.010
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.006	0.006
Netherlands	1.654	1.654
New Zealand	0.253	0.253
Nicaragua	0.003	0.003
Niger	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.090	0.090
Niue	0.001	0.001
Norway	0.851	0.851
Oman	0.102	0.102
Pakistan	0.085	0.085
Palau	0.001	0.001



Panama	0.026	0.026
Papua New Guinea	0.004	0.004
Paraguay	0.010	0.010
Peru	0.117	0.117
Philippines	0.154	0.154
Poland	0.921	0.921
Portugal	0.474	0.474
Qatar	0.209	0.209
Republic of Korea	1.994	1.994
Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.003
Romania	0.226	0.226
Russian Federation	2.438	2.438
Rwanda	0.002	0.002
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.003	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	0.864	0.864
Senegal	0.006	0.006
Serbia	0.040	0.040
Seychelles	0.001	0.001
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.384	0.384
Slovakia	0.171	0.171
Slovenia	0.100	0.100
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.372	0.372
South Sudan	0.004	0.004
Spain	2.973	2.973
Sri Lanka	0.025	0.025
Sudan	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.004	0.004

Swaziland	0.003	0.003
Sweden	0.960	0.960
Switzerland	1.047	1.047
Syrian Arab Republic	0.036	0.036
Tajikistan	0.003	0.003
Thailand	0.239	0.239
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.008	0.008
Timor-Leste	0.002	0.002
Togo	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.044	0.044
Tunisia	0.036	0.036
Turkey	1.328	1.328
Turkmenistan	0.019	0.019
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.006	0.006
Ukraine	0.099	0.099
United Arab Emirates	0.595	0.595
United Kingdom	5.180	5.180
United Republic of Tanzania	0.009	0.009
United States of America	22.000	22.000
Uruguay	0.052	0.052
Uzbekistan	0.015	0.015
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.627	0.627
Viet Nam	0.042	0.042
Yemen	0.010	0.010
Zambia	0.006	0.006
Zimbabwe	0.002	0.002