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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Hundred and Eighteenth Session**

**Rome, 17 – 25 May 2007**

**Scale of Contributions 2008-2009**

### Executive Summary

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 Organization follows the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for different membership. The FAO Scale of Contributions for 2008-09 is derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments established for 2007-2009.

3. The new FAO Scale for 2008-09 introduces a significantly lower assessment rate (more than 10% decrease from the 2006-07 Scale) for Japan. In the same way, the 2008-09 assessment rates for Australia, China, Mexico, Republic of Korea, and Spain are more than 10% higher than their previous rates in the 2006-07 Scale.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This analysis excludes all Member Nations with assessment rates of less than 1%.

## Introduction

4. The following 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."

5. 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.

6. 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"

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Appended hereto is the proposed FAO Scale of Contributions for the years 2008 and 2009, which, in accordance with the foregoing, has been derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments approved for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009, as established by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 adopted on 22 December 2006.

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10. 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 an FAO Scale of Contributions adding up to a full 100 percent.

11. An enabling Resolution for adoption of the Scale by the Conference is as follows:

*Resolution /07*

### **SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2008-09**

#### THE CONFERENCE

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Thirty-second 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 2008-09 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2007, 2008 and 2009;

2. Adopts for use in 2008 and 2009 the Scale as set out in Appendix of this report.

**Proposed Scale of Contributions 2008-2009**  
(2006-2007 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	Scale
	2008-9 <sup>2</sup>	2006-7 <sup>3</sup>
	%	%
Afghanistan	0.001	0.002
Albania	0.006	0.005
Algeria	0.086	0.078
Angola	0.003	0.001
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003
Argentina	0.327	0.975
Armenia	0.002	0.002
Australia	1.796	1.624
Austria	0.892	0.876
Azerbaijan	0.005	0.005
Bahamas	0.016	0.013
Bahrain	0.033	0.031
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.009	0.010
Belarus	0.020	0.018
Belgium	1.108	1.091
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.001	0.002
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.006	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.006	0.003
Botswana	0.014	0.012
Brazil	0.880	1.554
Bulgaria	0.020	0.017
Burkina Faso	0.002	0.002
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.001	0.002
Cameroon	0.009	0.008
Canada	2.992	2.870
Cape Verde	0.001	0.001
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.001	0.001

<sup>2</sup> Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2007-2009 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2004-2006 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 58/1B of 23 December 2003.

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	Scale
	2008-9 <sup>2</sup>	2006-7 <sup>3</sup>
	%	%
Chile	0.162	0.228
China	2.681	2.095
Colombia	0.106	0.158
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.001	0.001
Congo, Democratic Rep. of	0.003	0.003
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.032	0.031
Cote d'Ivoire	0.009	0.010
Croatia	0.050	0.038
Cuba	0.054	0.044
Cyprus	0.044	0.040
Czech Republic	0.283	0.187
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.007	0.010
Denmark	0.743	0.733
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.024	0.036
Ecuador	0.021	0.019
Egypt	0.089	0.123
El Salvador	0.020	0.022
Equatorial Guinea	0.002	0.002
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.016	0.012
Ethiopia	0.003	0.004
Fiji	0.003	0.004
Finland	0.567	0.544
France	6.333	6.152
Gabon	0.008	0.009
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.003	0.003
Germany	8.620	8.838
Ghana	0.004	0.004
Greece	0.599	0.541
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.032	0.031
Guinea	0.001	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.002	0.003
Honduras	0.005	0.005

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	2008-9 <sup>2</sup>	2006-7 <sup>3</sup>
	%	%
Hungary	0.245	0.129
Iceland	0.037	0.035
India	0.452	0.430
Indonesia	0.162	0.145
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.181	0.160
Iraq	0.015	0.016
Ireland	0.447	0.357
Israel	0.421	0.477
Italy	5.105	4.984
Jamaica	0.010	0.008
Japan	16.708	19.862
Jordan	0.012	0.011
Kazakhstan	0.029	0.026
Kenya	0.010	0.009
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Korea, Republic of	2.184	1.832
Kuwait	0.183	0.165
Kyrgyz Republic	0.001	0.001
Lao	0.001	0.001
Latvia	0.018	0.015
Lebanon	0.034	0.025
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.062	0.135
Lithuania	0.031	0.025
Luxembourg	0.086	0.079
Madagascar	0.002	0.003
Malawi	0.001	0.001
Malaysia	0.191	0.207
Maldives	0.001	0.001
Mali	0.001	0.002
Malta	0.017	0.014
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.001	0.001
Mauritius	0.011	0.011
Mexico	2.268	1.921
Micronesia	0.001	0.001
Moldova	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.003	0.003
Mongolia	0.001	0.001
Morocco	0.042	0.048

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	Scale
	2008-9 <sup>2</sup>	2006-7 <sup>3</sup>
	%	%
Mozambique	0.001	0.001
Myanmar	0.005	0.010
Namibia	0.006	0.006
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.003	0.004
Netherlands	1.883	1.724
New Zealand	0.257	0.226
Nicaragua	0.002	0.001
Niger	0.001	0.001
Nigeria	0.048	0.043
Niue	0.001	0.001
Norway	0.786	0.693
Oman	0.073	0.072
Pakistan	0.059	0.056
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.023	0.019
Papua New Guinea	0.002	0.003
Paraguay	0.005	0.012
Peru	0.078	0.094
Philippines	0.078	0.097
Poland	0.504	0.470
Portugal	0.530	0.480
Qatar	0.086	0.065
Romania	0.070	0.061
Russia	1.206	
Rwanda	0.001	0.001
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.002
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, Kingdom of	0.752	0.727
Senegal	0.004	0.005
Serbia	0.021	0.019
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Slovakia	0.063	0.052
Slovenia	0.097	0.084
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001

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Member Nations	Proposed Scale	Scale
	2008-9 <sup>2</sup>	2006-7 <sup>3</sup>
	%	%
South Africa	0.292	0.298
Spain	2.983	2.571
Sri Lanka	0.016	0.017
Sudan	0.010	0.008
Suriname	0.001	0.001
Swaziland	0.002	0.002
Sweden	1.076	1.018
Switzerland	1.222	1.221
Syria	0.016	0.039
Tajikistan	0.001	0.001
Tanzania	0.006	0.006
Thailand	0.187	0.213
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.005	0.006
Timor Leste	0.001	0.001
Togo	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.027	0.022
Tunisia	0.031	0.033
Turkey	0.383	0.380
Turkmenistan	0.006	0.005
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.003	0.006
Ukraine	0.045	0.040
United Arab Emirates	0.304	0.240
United Kingdom	6.675	6.251
United States of America	22.000	22.000
Uruguay	0.027	0.049
Uzbekistan	0.008	0.014
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela	0.201	0.175
Viet Nam	0.024	0.022
Yemen	0.007	0.006
Zambia	0.001	0.002
Zimbabwe	0.008	0.007
	<b>100.000</b>	<b>100.000</b>

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