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THE SCALES OF ASSESSMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
AFRICAN UNITY



NEW SCALE OF ASSESSMENT

1. Convened by the OAU Secretary General, the Second Session of the Ad hoc Committee on the Review of the Scale of Assessment met in Addis Ababa, at the OAU Headquarters from 7 to 10 April 1981, in conformity with the Decision of the Thirty Sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Addis Ababa from 23 February to 1 March 1981 which stipulated that:

- a) the Ad hoc Committee composed of Angola, Cape Verde, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria and Tunisia, should meet to work out a new scale of assessment based on statistical data obtained from the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund or the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;
  - b) the new scale thus prepared should be submitted to the next session of the Council of Ministers for adoption;
  - c) the Council decided to adopt the 1981/82 budget of the General Secretariat. As regards the provisional scale contained in document CM/992(XXXIII) adopted by the Sixteenth Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Monrovia, Liberia, from 17 - 20 July 1979, the Council retained the principle of its application unless the next Summit in Nairobi should decide otherwise on the basis of the proposals that the Ad hoc Committee is required to submit to the forthcoming Council in compliance with Article XXIII of the Charter and criteria prevailing in the United Nations System.
2. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Tunisia, as Chairman/Rapporteur; Angola, Lesotho and Nigeria while Egypt attended as an observer. Cape Verde and Kenya did not attend.
3. In conformity with the above-mentioned Decision by the Council, the Secretariat compiled the information needed from the competent international organizations and submitted it to the Committee.



4. In conformity with the Council of Ministers' decision establishing the bracket in which the contribution of Member States should fall (10% maximum and 0.50% minimum), and realising that the Council had not specified the method of calculation to be used for the new scale, the Committee, in order to establish a new scale of assessment that would be fair and equitable, decided to use the Gross Domestic Product and Population figures of Member States. Because a country with a high G.D.P. and Population could have an income per capita lower than that of a country whose G.D.P. and Population are relatively small. Since the G.D.P. alone does not accurately reflect the wealth of a given country, it should not be considered a fair and equitable basis to determine Member States' capacity to pay their contributions to the Organization.

5. It is thus that the Committee decided that only two factors be taken into consideration so as to prepare an equitable scale of assessment namely: the G.D.P. and Population.

According to that method:

- a) the percentage of contributions of each Member State would be equal to the average of the G.D.P. quotients of the Member State concerned divided by the total G.D.P. of all OAU Member States multiplied by 100;
- b) The population of the Member States concerned would be divided by the total population of all OAU Member States multiplied by 100;
- c) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product and Population of each Member State would be added and divided by 2 to obtain the total average percentage of the Gross Domestic Product and Population.
- d) In the light of these data Nigeria's scale of assessment rose to 20,67%.

In pursuance of the aforementioned decision of the Council of Ministers and in the light of Nigeria's willingness to contribute the maximum of 10.00%, the committee had to distribute the 10.67%, excess attributed to Nigeria in the following manner: 5.09% were shared among 17 countries which did not reach the minum of 0.50% (see Annex I) and the difference of 5.58% was shared among 32 other countries which average 0.18% or 0.17% (see example on page 5 )

6. After adoption of the new scale, the Angolan delegation which supported the criterion adopted by the committee with necessary adjustments to ensure a fair distribution of the excess contribution attributed to Nigeria pointed out however, that the contribution attributed to her country which was facing an externally imposed war situation, should not be increased by new measures and that it reserved the right to reopen the issue if necessary at the next OAU Council of Ministers to be held in Nairobi.

7. In establishing the new scale, the committee would like to draw the attention of the Council of Ministers to the fact that Zimbabwe's admission as fiftieth member of the OAU had led to a reduction in the contribution of member states as a whole.

8. The percentage proposed in column 7 of Document Cttee AD Hoc/ Rapt (II), therefore represents the new scale of assessment proposcd for adoption by the Committee.

9. Thc Ad Hoc Committee adopted this report at its sitting on 10 April 1981.

GDP: (GDP of one State)  
 $\frac{29,499,484 \times 100}{260,915,985} = 11.31\%$

(Total GDP of all States)

Population: (Population of one state)  
 $\frac{17,701 \times 100}{423,460} = 4.18\%$   
 (Total Pop. of all states)

Percentage:  $11.31 + 4.18 = 15.49\%$   
 (% of GDP of one State + percentage of the population of one State)

GDP + Population of one State = Percentage  
 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 that is:  $11.31 + 4.18 = 7.75\%$

Excess of Nigeria's contributions  $10.67$

Less total of 0.50  $5.09$

(Difference in percentage of 17 States which are below the minimum)  $\frac{5.58}{32} = 0.18\% \text{ or } 0.17\%$

(This concern 32 States which are between the maximum and minimum)

that is  $7.75 + 0.17\% = 7.92$

LIST OF SEVENTEEN MEMBER STATES BELOW  
THE MINIMUM OF 0.50%

	If on GDP & Population	Scale Fixed	Difference in Percentage
1. BOTSWANA	0.22	0.50	0.28
2. CAPE VERDE	0.06	0.50	0.44
3. CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.	0.38	0.50	0.12
4. COMOROS	0.06	0.50	0.44
5. CONGO	0.43	0.50	0.07
6. DJIBOUTI	0.11	0.50	0.39
7. EQUATORIAL GUINEA	0.05	0.50	0.45
8. THE GAMBIA	0.11	0.50	0.39
9. GUINEA BISSAU	0.10	0.50	0.40
10. LESOTHO	0.20	0.50	0.39
11. LIBERIA	0.46	0.50	0.44
12. MAURITANIA	0.29	0.50	0.21
13. MAURITIUS	0.31	0.50	0.19
14. SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	0.01	0.50	0.49
15. SEYCHELLES	0.02	0.50	0.48
16. SWAZILAND	0.13	0.50	0.37
17. TOGO	0.47	0.50	0.03
	<u>3.41</u>	<u>8.50</u>	<u>5.09</u>

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PAYS	Produit National Brut total (PIB) par millions en dollars EU prix actuels	Population recensée en milieu d'année par milliers	Contribution calculée sur la base du PIB total en %	Contribution calculée sur la population totale en %	Total calculé sur la base du PIB et de la population	Pourcentage moyen calculé sur la base du PIB et de la population
1. ALGERIE	29.499.424	17.701	11.31	4.18	15.49	7.92
2. ANGOLA	2.891.143	6.543	1.11	1.55	2.66	1.50
3. BENIN	1.060.318	3.442	0.41	0.81	1.22	0.79
4. BOTSWANA	640.135	764	0.25	0.18	0.43	0.50
5. BURUNDI	711.548	4.175	0.27	0.99	1.26	0.80
6. CALEDONIE	5.855.934	3.323	2.24	1.97	4.21	2.28
7. CAF VERT	82.576	326	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.50
8. REPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE	661.054	2.173	0.25	0.51	0.76	0.50
9. TCHAD	968.012	4.402	0.37	1.04	1.41	0.88
10. COLOMBES	90.042	359	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.50
11. CONGO	1.307.206	1.499	0.50	0.35	0.85	0.50
12. DJIBOUTI	332.665	318	0.13	0.08	0.21	0.50
13. EGYPTE	15.476.206	40.705	5.93	9.61	15.54	7.95
14. ETHIOPIE	5.014.396	30.987	1.92	7.32	9.24	4.79
15. GUINEE EQUATORIALE	60.299	350	0.02	0.08	0.10	0.50
16. GABON	3.443.243	543	1.32	0.13	1.45	0.91
17. GAMBIE	196.099	505	0.08	0.14	0.22	0.50
18. GHANA	11.417.055	11.751	4.38	2.77	7.15	3.75
19. GUINEE	1.471.052	4.375	0.56	1.15	1.71	1.02
20. GUINEE BISSAU	147.564	560	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.50
21. COTE D'IVOIRE	9.676.640	7.757	3.71	1.83	5.54	2.95
22. KENYA	6.170.275	15.770	2.37	3.73	6.10	3.22

## Annex 2

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No.	Pays	Produit National Brut total (PIB) par millions en dollars UU Prix actuels	Population recensée en milieu d'année par milliers	Contribution calculée sur la base du PIB totale en %	Contribution calculée sur la population totale en %	Total calculé sur la base du PIB et de la population	Pourcentage calculé sur base du PIB la population
23.	LESOTHO	1.218.038	1.305	0.03	0.31	0.39	0.50
24.	LIBERIA	1.303.650	1.779	0.50	0.42	0.92	0.50
25.	LIBYE	1.279.973	2.344	11.99	0.67	12.66	6.51
26.	MADAGASCAR	2.883.116	3.349	1.10	1.97	3.07	1.71
27.	MALAWI	1.305.402	5.062	0.50	1.38	1.98	1.12
28.	MALI	1.939.797	6.471	0.38	1.53	1.91	1.13
29.	MURITANIE	325.647	4.446	0.24	0.34	0.58	0.50
30.	ILES MAURICE	1.054.370	9.941	0.40	0.22	0.62	0.50
31.	MAROC	15.345.669	19.417	5.88	4.59	10.47	5.40
32.	MOZAMBIQUE	2.475.479	9.134	0.95	2.16	3.11	1.73
33.	NIGER	2.039.000	5.150	0.73	1.22	2.00	1.17
34.	NIGERIA	61.891.700	74.595	23.72	17.62	41.34	10.00
35.	RUANDA	1.107.905	4.649	0.42	1.10	1.52	0.93
36.	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	33.779	3.83	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.50
37.	SENEGAL	21.623.930	5.503	1.01	1.30	2.31	1.32
38.	SEYCHELLES	175.256	68	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.50
39.	SIERRA LEONE	1.068.892	3.370	0.39	0.80	1.19	0.77
40.	SOMALIE	853.058	3.551	0.33	0.84	1.17	0.76
41.	SOUDAN	27.111.601	17.846	2.73	4.21	6.94	3.64
42.	SWAZILAND	356.420	530	0.14	0.12	0.26	0.50
43.	TANZANIE	544.849	17.364	1.74	4.10	5.84	3.10
44.	TOGO	965.764	2.472	0.37	0.58	0.95	0.50

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No.	Pays	Produit National Brut total (PIB) par million en	Population recensée en milieu d'année par millions	Contribution calculée sur totale en %	Contribution calculée sur totale en %	Total calculé sur la base la population	Pourcentage moyen calculé sur la la population
45.	TUNISIE	7.268.227	6.112	2.79	1.44	4.23	2.29
46.	OUGANDA	5.324.480	13.191	2.04	3.12	5.16	2.75
47.	HAUTE VOLTA	1.021.867	6.661	0.39	1.57	1.96	1.15
48.	ZAIRE	3.675.559	27.950	1.41	6.60	8.01	4.18
49.	ZAMBIE	3.220.611	5.650	1.23	1.33	2.56	1.45
50.	ZIMBABWE	3.123.722	7.238	1.20	1.71	2.91	1.62
TOTALS		260.915.985	423.460	100.00	100.00	200.00	100.00



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