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## Proposals for new apportionment of contributions

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### Introduction

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1. At the Second Meeting of Contracting Parties some proposals were made concerning possible changes in the apportionment of contributions. The meeting agreed that the matter should be reconsidered at the review meeting (document UNEP/IG.23/11, para. 102). The present report is submitted in response to that request.
2. Any method of apportioning contributions must achieve two objectives : an equitable distribution of the costs among the Contracting Parties and a regular supply of resources to the common programmes.
3. The scale adopted by the Contracting Parties at their first meeting in 1979 relies on the three main contributions for 85.76 per cent of the total. While the latter have found that scale acceptable, delays in the payments of any of these three contributions affects very seriously the entire programme.
4. The proposals submitted at the previous meeting aimed at reducing the negative effects of delayed payments and allowing certain countries to contribute more substantially, without abandoning the UN scale of assessment. The first proposal, made by the representative of Greece, suggested a basic fee of \$ 10,000 or \$ 15,000, for each Contracting Party, the balance of the resources being apportioned according to the UN scale. In order to simplify the presentation, and taking into account the time lag between the proposal and its possible implementation, only the higher basic figure is shown below.
5. The second proposal, made by the representative of Spain, suggested that each country contributes 1 per cent of the budget, the balance being apportioned according to the UN scale.

6. It is significant that in three other regional action plans (for the Kuwait Action Plan region, the West African region and the Caribbean), the participating countries have adopted a minimum contribution that exceeds the UN scale, and a maximum that is lower than the UN scale. Between the lower and the upper limit the UN scale is applied. For the information of the Contracting Parties comparative figures are provided for each of the three Action Plans.

#### Recommendation

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7. A revised scale of assessment for the Mediterranean would improve the supply of resources to the Action Plan and may be considered by the meeting with a view to adopting it in respect of contributions for 1983.

#### I. Basic Contribution plus UN scale

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Country	Percentage of total	Basic contribution	UN scale	Total
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Albania	0.08	15,000	1,796	16,796
Algeria	0.80	15,000	17,960	32,960
Cyprus	0.08	15,000	1,796	16,796
Egypt	0.64	15,000	14,368	29,368
France	46.48	15,000	1,043,476	1,058,476
Greece	2.80	15,000	62,860	77,860
Israel	1.84	15,000	41,308	56,308
Italy	27.04	15,000	607,048	622,048
Lebanon	0.24	15,000	5,388	20,388
Libya	1.28	15,000	28,736	43,736
Malta	0.08	15,000	1,796	16,796
Monaco	0.08	15,000	1,796	16,796
Morocco	0.40	15,000	8,980	23,980
Spain	12.24	15,000	274,788	289,788
Syria	0.16	15,000	3,592	18,592
Tunisia	0.16	15,000	3,592	18,592
Turkey	2.40	15,000	58,880	73,880
Yugoslavia	3.20	15,000	71,840	86,840
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	100.00	255,000	2,245,000	2,500,000
EEC				500,000
Host country				400,000
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GRAND TOTAL				3,400,000
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II. 1 per cent plus UN scale

Country	Percentage of total	Basic contribution	UN scale	Total
Albania	0.08	25,000	1,640	26,640
Algeria	0.80	25,000	16,400	41,000
Cyprus	0.08	25,000	1,640	26,640
Egypt	0.64	25,000	13,120	38,120
France	46.48	25,000	952,840	977,840
Greece	2.80	25,000	57,400	82,400
Israel	1.84	25,000	37,720	62,720
Italy	27.04	25,000	554,320	579,320
Lebanon	0.24	25,000	4,920	29,920
Libya	1.28	25,000	26,240	51,240
Malta	0.08	25,000	1,640	26,640
Monaco	0.08	25,000	1,640	26,640
Morocco	0.40	25,000	8,200	33,200
Spain	12.24	25,000	250,920	275,920
Syria	0.16	25,000	3,280	28,280
Tunisia	0.16	25,000	3,280	28,280
Turkey	2.40	25,000	49,200	74,200
Yugoslavia	3.20	25,000	65,600	90,600
	100.00	450,000	2,050,000	2,500,000
EEC				500,000
Host country				450,000
GRAND TOTAL				3,450,000

### III. KUWAIT

Coastal States	UN scale a)	Initial period b)	1.7.81 - 31.12.82 c)
Bahrain	1.9	2.00	2.00
Iran	40.2	28.04	16.00
Iraq	9.3	12.66	20.00
Kuwait	14.9	15.46	14.00
Oman	1.9	2.00	2.00
Qatar	1.9	8.93	12.00
Saudi Arabia	22.4	19.18	20.00
United Arab Emirates	7.5	11.73	14.00
TOTAL	100	100	100

a) UNEP/IG.8/8, annex II.

b) Final Act of the Kuwait Regional Conference of Plenipotentiaries, April 1978.

c) Final Report of the First meeting of the Council of the Regional Organization, April 1981, Decision X.

IV. GULF OF GUINEA

<u>Country</u>	<u>UN scale a)</u>	<u>Scale adopted b)</u>
Angola	2.44	3.72
Benin	2.44	3.72
Cape Verde	2.44	3.72
Congo	2.44	3.72
Equatorial Guinea	2.44	3.72
Gabon	4.88	4.94
Gambia	2.44	3.72
Ghana	7.32	6.16
Guinea	2.44	3.72
Guinea-Bissau	2.44	3.72
Ivory Coast	7.32	6.16
Liberia	2.44	3.72
Mauritania	2.44	3.72
Nigeria	39.02	22.01
Sao Tome & Principe	2.44	3.72
Senegal	2.44	3.72
Sierra Leone	2.44	3.72
Togo	2.44	3.72
United Republic of Cameroon	2.44	3.72
Zaire	4.88	4.94
	100.02	100.01

a) UNEP/IG.22/6, table 2, column B (page 13)

b) UNEP/IG.22/7, Financial arrangements (page 12)

V. CARIBBEAN

Country	UN scale a)	Scale adopted b)
Bahamas	0.0256	1.30
Barbados	0.0256	1.30
Belize	--	1.20
Colombia	0.2816	2.46
Costa Rica	0.0512	1.42
Cuba	0.2816	2.46
Dominica	0.0256	1.30
Dominican Republic	0.0768	1.53
France	16.0269	29.83
Grenada	0.0256	1.30
Guatemala	0.0512	1.42
Guyana	0.0256	1.30
Haiti	0.0256	1.30
Honduras	0.0256	1.30
Jamaica	0.0512	1.98
Mexico	1.9458	19.88
Netherlands Antilles	4.1731	2.38
Nicaragua	0.0256	1.30
Panama	0.0512	1.42
St. Lucia	--	1.20
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	--	1.20
Suriname	0.0256	1.30
Trinidad & Tobago	0.0768	1.53
Venezuela	1.2801	18.29
U.K.	11.4185	--
U.S.A.	64.0050	--
	100.0014	100.00

a) UNEP/CEPAL/WG.48/5, Table 4, Column B (page 21)

b) UNEP/IG.30/5, Appendix (page 3)