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PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE IN THE REGULAR BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1964: ITEM PROPOSED JOINTLY BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND HUNGARY

Joint memorandum by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and Hungary

- 1. During the sixth regular session of the General Conference in 1962, when the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee was discussing the scale of assessment for Members' contributions for 1963, the delegate of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (CSSR) pointed out that the United Nations scale on which the Secretariat had based the scale proposed for the Agency was not final. He informed the Conference that at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly it had been decided to review the United Nations scale and that a committee had been appointed to study the matter. Proposals for a new United Nations scale would be before the General Assembly the following year, and he had accordingly inquired whether the Agency could not take into account the effects of that new scale on the assessments of certain Member States for contributions to the Agency's budgets [1]. The Secretariat had responded that Resolution GC(II)/RES/33 was binding, but that if the United Nations scale was changed during 1962 the changes would be reflected in the Agency's scale of assessments for 1964 [2].
- 2. During the following session of the General Conference in 1963 the CSSR delegate reverted to the matter, drawing attention to the fact that the United Nations Committee on Contributions would probably be recommending a substantial reduction in the amount of the CSSR contribution to the United Nations budget. He therefore requested that his Government's contribution to the Agency's Regular Budget for 1964 should be correspondingly reduced. [3]
- 3. In December 1963 the General Assembly adopted Resolution 1927 (XVIII), whereby it approved the revised rates of assessment for CSSR and Hungary, with retroactive effect to the years 1962 and 1963, which the Committee on Contributions had recommended as a result of a study made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with experts from CSSR, Hungary, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
- 4. As a corollary to the action thus taken by the General Assembly, in March 1964 the Seventeenth World Health Assembly adopted a resolution whereby the assessments of CSSR and Hungary for 1963 and 1964 were similarly reduced. [4] Rather than adjust the 1963

^[1] See document GC(VI)/COM.1/OR.48, paras. 69-71.

^[2] Ibid., para. 73.

^[3] See document GC(VII)/COM. 1/OR. 55, paras. 52-54.

^[4] See WHO document WHA 17.11.

assessments of Members of the World Health Organization (WHO) when there could be no compensating revenue from other sources, the resolution in question provided that the financial effect of the reductions for both years would be absorbed in 1964 alone. This was done by revising the appropriation resolution for 1964 to decrease the total amount of the assessments of Members by the combined reductions in the contributions of CSSR and Hungary and to increase correspondingly the estimate of miscellaneous income.

- 5. The Governments of CSSR and Hungary accordingly wish, particularly in the light of the aforesaid Resolution 1927 (XVIII), to propose that it would be logical for the General Conference, following the pattern set by the United Nations and WHO, to make similar proportionate reductions in their contributions to the Agency's Regular Budgets for 1963 and 1964 for which they have been assessed. This adjustment corresponds to the findings of the experts on whose advice the General Assembly acted, which was to the effect that the calculations on which the earlier United Nations scale of assessment was based were not well founded.
- 6. In the table that follows, therefore, the two Governments have set forth a statistical presentation of the adjustments which they are severally seeking.

Assessment data for 1963 and 1964	CSSR Hui		gary	
Percentage assessments:				
As set by Resolutions GC(VI)/RES/121 and GC(VII)/RES/145 respectively	1.08		0, 52	
As modified in accordance with the new United Nations scale	0.96		0.47	
Assessments:	1963	1964	1963	1964
Actual If modified	\$76 923 68 376	\$77 976 69 312	\$37 037 33 476	\$37 544 33 934
Difference	\$ 8 547	\$ 8 664	\$ 3 561	\$ 3 610
Total reduction	\$17	211	\$7	171

^{7.} In the light of all the foregoing considerations, the Governments of CSSR and Hungary jointly submit the draft resolution annexed hereto. They are confident that the Conference will accord it a full measure of sympathetic consideration.

ANNEX

Draft resolution submitted jointly by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and Hungary

ADJUSTMENT OF THE PERCENTAGE ASSESSMENTS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND HUNGARY TO THE AGENCY'S REGULAR BUDGETS FOR 1963 AND 1964

The General Conference,

- (a) Having been informed that the General Assembly of the United Nations has reduced the assessments of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and Hungary for contributions to the United Nations budgets for 1964 with retroactive effect to the years 1962 and 1963 [1], and that the Seventeenth World Health Assembly has taken similar action in respect of the contributions of those two States to the budgets of the World Health Organization [2],
- (b) <u>Having received</u> from the Governments of the two States requests for the similar proportionate reductions in their contributions to the Agency's Regular Budgets for 1963 and 1964,
- (c) Recognizing in this connection the desirability of avoiding the administrative complications inherent in a general revision of the scales of contributions for the two years in question [3], and
- (d) Considering therefore that the reductions for the two years should be made in respect of 1964 and financed from expected miscellaneous income during that year,
- 1. <u>Decides</u>, without prejudice to the continued application of the principles which the General Conference follows when setting the scale of Members' contributions to the Agency's Regular Budgets and which are embodied in Resolutions GC(II)/RES/33 and GC(III)/RES/50, that for the years 1963 and 1964 the percentage assessment of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic for contributions to the Agency's Regular Budgets shall be reduced to 0.96 and that of Hungary to 0.47;
- 2. Decides further that the contribution of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic for the year 1964 shall be reduced by \$17 211 and that of Hungary for the same year by \$7 171; and
- 3. Consequently decides to amend paragraph 2 of Resolution GC(VII)/RES/146, whereby the General Conference appropriated funds for the Agency's Regular Budget for 1964, by increasing the sum given in sub-paragraph (a) from \$100 000 to \$124 382, and by decreasing the sum given in sub-paragraph (d) from \$7 220 000 to \$7 195 618.

^[1] By Resolution 1927 (XVIII), paras. 1(a) and (f).

^[2] By the resolution reproduced in the World Health Organization's document WHA 17.11.

^[3] Set by Resolutions GC(VI)/RES/121 and GC(VII)/RES/145 respectively.