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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND

The amendment of Resolution GC(V)/RES/100

A suggestion by the Director General

1. By paragraph 2 of Resolution GC(V)/RES/100 of 1961 on increased voluntary contributions to the General Fund, the General Conference has invited Members to contribute annually to the Fund "in amounts that are at least the same percentages of the target for each year as are their assessed contributions to the Regular Budget".

2. It is now to be foreseen that Members will be assessed for contributions towards the Regular Budget on a somewhat different basis than in the past, as a result of the application of the further principles for such assessment which are the subject of the draft resolution in document GC(XV)/462. Since it is understood, however, that this is not to be a precedent for other financing arrangements, the Director General assumes that the Conference will wish to take steps to preserve the existing basis for voluntary contributions to the General Fund. He suggests that this could most conveniently be done by making a small amendment to the wording in Resolution GC(V)/RES/100 quoted above, and accordingly submits overleaf a draft resolution for that purpose.
The General Conference,

(a) Recalling that by Resolution GC(V)/RES/100 of 1961 it has invited the economically developed Members of the Agency to make voluntary contributions to the General Fund in amounts that are at least the same percentages of the target for each year as are their contributions to the Regular Budget, which in the past have been assessed according to a scale elaborated by applying the principles set forth in Resolution GC(III)/RES/50 of 1959,

(b) Considering that although the annual elaboration of assessment scales by the combined application of those principles and the further principles it has now established by Resolution GC(XV)/RES/...[*] will result in Members being assessed for contributions to the Regular Budget on a somewhat different basis than in the past, this is not to be a precedent for other financing arrangements,

(c) Desirous therefore of preserving the existing basis for voluntary contributions to the General Fund,

Accordingly amends paragraph 2 of its Resolution GC(V)/RES/100 on increased voluntary contributions to the General Fund to read:

2. Invites such Members to make voluntary contributions to the General Fund each year in amounts that are at least the same percentages of the target for the year as are their respective base rates of assessment provided for in sub-paragraph (b) of the operative paragraph of Resolution GC(XV)/RES/...[*]

[*] See the draft resolution in document GC(XV)/462.