



GENERAL CONFERENCE
Twelfth Special Session
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RESOLUTION CG/E/Res.371

**STUDY TO UPDATE THE SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OPANAL**

The General Conference,

Taking into account the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters contained in its Report to the Fifteenth Regular Session of the General Conference of the Agency (Document CG/471);

Recalling Resolution CG/Res.364 (XV) to convene a Special Session of the General Conference in order to determine permanent criteria for setting the Scale of Contributions;

Considering the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters regarding the establishment of permanent criteria for setting the Scale of Contributions, based on the real payment capacity of the Member States of the Agency,

Resolves:

1. **To request** the Secretary General and the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters of OPANAL to instruct an institution with recognized prestige in the field to conduct a study to determine the real payment capacity of each Member State of OPANAL and to serve as the basis for setting permanent criteria to determine the Scale of Contributions as of 1999. Said study may consider the following indicators, among others:
 - a) Estimation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as an initial approximation of each country's payment capacity;
 - b) A basic statistical period (from 6 to 9 years);
 - c) The conversion rate (market exchange rates);
 - d) Adjustments based on the foreign-debt burden;
 - e) Adjustment for low *per capita* income, based on *average annual per capita income*.

2. **To instruct** the Secretary General and the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters to study the results of the study and draw up a proposal to fix a new Scale of Contributions, reviewable every five years, to be submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. If it is approved, the proposal on a new Scale of Contributions shall be examined and, if applicable, approved at a Special Session of the General Conference to be held in 1998, on a date proposed by the Council of OPANAL.

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held on November 14th 1997)