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(Federal Republic of Germany).

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the  
expenses of the United Nations*

**AGENDA ITEM 1**

**Opening of the session by the President  
of the General Assembly**

1. The PRESIDENT: I declare open the eighth emergency special session of the General Assembly.

**AGENDA ITEM 2**

**Minute of silent prayer or meditation**

2. The PRESIDENT: As we observe one minute of silence in accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, may we also pay tribute to the memory of those world leaders who have died since our last meeting and those who have died in the line of duty on United Nations peace-keeping missions. I now invite representatives to stand and observe one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

*The representatives stood in silence.*

**Organization of work**

3. The PRESIDENT: With the permission of members, I should like to draw the Assembly's attention to rule 63 of the rules of procedure, which states:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule and unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, the Assembly, in case of an emergency special session, shall convene in plenary meeting only and proceed directly to consider the item proposed for consideration in the request for the holding of the session, without previous reference to the General Committee or to any other committee; the President and Vice-Presidents for such emergency special sessions shall be, respectively, the chairmen of those delegations from which were elected the President and Vice-Presidents of the previous session."

4. If there is no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly will proceed in accordance with that rule.

*It was so decided.*

5. The PRESIDENT: I am sure I can rely, as I have in the past, on the assistance of the Vice-Presidents in the exercise of my duties as President during the present session.

6. The PRESIDENT: Before we proceed with the agenda for this afternoon, I should like to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/ES-8/5, which contains a letter of 3 September 1981 addressed to me by the Secretary-General, informing the Assembly that two Member States are in arrears in the payment of their United Nations contributions under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

7. In connection with the first one, members will recall that at the 104th plenary meeting of the thirty-fifth session, on 3 March 1981, the General Assembly invited the Committee on Contributions to consider as expeditiously as possible the following request of the Central African Republic:

"In view of this situation, which is due to circumstances beyond my country's control, I would request you to make an exception to the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and authorize the delegation of the Central African Republic to participate in all votes taken at the resumed thirty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and any other sessions which may be held in 1981".<sup>1</sup>

8. In paragraph 58 of its report, the Committee on Contributions made the following statement:

"the Committee concluded that it could not support the contention that the non-payment of arrears of the Central African Republic to the United Nations below the limit specified in Article 19 of the Charter could be considered as due to conditions beyond the control of the Member State".<sup>2</sup>

9. May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of the conclusion of the Committee on Contributions?

*It was so decided.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3**

**Credentials of representatives to the eighth emergency special session of the General Assembly:**

(a) **Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee**

10. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to the appointment of the Credentials Committee, as provided for in rule 28 of the rules of procedure.

11. With a view to expediting the work of the session and in accordance with precedents, it might be appropriate if the Credentials Committee were to consist of those members which served during the thirty-fifth

regular session, namely: Angola, China, Costa Rica, Haiti, Kenya, Singapore, Spain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America. If there is no objection, I shall consider the Credentials Committee constituted accordingly.

*It was so decided.*

12. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Algeria on a point of order.

13. Mr. BEDJAOUI (Algeria) (*interpretation from French*): On behalf of the group of African States, of which Algeria has the honour to be Chairman this month, and in accordance with the position held in common by its members, I request you, Mr. President, to convene immediately a meeting of the Credentials Committee, whose mandate you have just confirmed. I propose, therefore, that the Credentials Committee submit its report to us as soon as possible, after having dealt with the problem that concerns it, reporting back to the Assembly by tomorrow morning.

14. I should also like to request you to place before the General Assembly a motion that this afternoon's meeting be adjourned pending receipt of the Credentials Committee's report tomorrow morning.

15. The PRESIDENT: Members have heard the motion of the representative of Algeria for the adjournment of the meeting, which falls under rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and for the immediate convening of the Credentials Committee. As members know, under rule 76, such motions shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote. A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania,

Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:* None.

*Abstaining:* Dominican Republic.

*The motion was adopted by 139 votes to none, with 1 abstention.<sup>3</sup>*

16. The PRESIDENT: I therefore request the Credentials Committee to meet immediately and to report to the General Assembly, if possible no later than 10.30 a.m. tomorrow.

17. I call on the representative of the Central African Republic, who has asked to speak on a point of order.

18. Mr. KIBANDA (Central African Republic) (*interpretation from French*): Mr. President, I had asked to be allowed to speak well before you gave the final results of the vote that has just been taken. I pressed the button several times, but it is not working and for that reason the Central African Republic does not appear to have expressed a position on the voting tally board. In any event, I request that it be recorded that the Central African Republic, had it been in a position to do so, would have cast an affirmative vote.

19. The PRESIDENT: The observations of the representative of the Central African Republic will be reflected in the verbatim record.

*The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.*

#### NOTES

1. See A/35/792/Add.3, annex.
2. See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 11*.
3. The delegation of Gabon subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour of the motion.