



Introductory statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions on the report of the Committee on its eighty-first session

Mr. Chairman,

1. On behalf of the Committee on Contributions, let me convey to you and to the Bureau our congratulations on your election. I should also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to your distinguished predecessor, His Excellency Mr. Carlos Amorín, for his leadership of this Committee during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly.
2. Also, I would like to express solidarity with all those who have suffered and experienced fear and with all those who have lost loved ones as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and recognize all those on the front line fighting this pandemic.
3. It is my honour to introduce the report of the Committee on Contributions on its eighty-first session, held here in New York from 7 June to 2 July 2021. This is before the Committee in document A/76/11 and A/76/11 Addendum 1.

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4. While adopting the current scale of assessments in resolution 73/271, the General Assembly by the same resolution also requested the Committee, in accordance with its mandate and the rules of procedure of the Assembly, to review and make recommendations on the elements of the methodology of the scale of assessments in order to reflect the capacity of Member States to pay. The results of the Committee's review of the elements of the methodology pursuant to resolution 73/271, are detailed in chapter III, part A, of the report now before you in document A/76/11.

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5. The income measure is a first approximation of capacity to pay. Based on its review of this element, the Committee recalled and reaffirmed its recommendation that the scale of assessments be based on the most current, comprehensive and comparable data available for gross national income (GNI). The Committee expressed support for the ongoing efforts by the United Nations Statistics Division to enable Member States to submit national accounts data on a timely basis with the required scope, detail and quality. The Committee also recommended that the General Assembly encourage Member States to submit the required national accounts questionnaires under the 2008 System of National Accounts on a timely basis.

6. The GNI data received from Member States in their national currencies must be converted to a common monetary unit through the use of conversion rates. The Committee reaffirmed its recommendation that conversion rates based on market exchange rates should be

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