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MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1980-1983

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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1. The Committee resumed its discussion of the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983, with reference, in particular, to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator. For its consideration of this matter, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (A/C.5/33/60 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/450). The Committee discussed the question at its 55th and 59th meetings, on 8 and 13 December 1978.

2. At the 55th meeting, on 8 December, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced that Committee's report in an oral statement.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/33/L.36

3. At the 59th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Pakistan introduced the following draft decision (A/C.5/33/L.36) on behalf of Denmark, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

"The General Assembly decides:

"1. To request the Secretary-General, in pursuance of resolution 32/56 of 8 December 1977, to include proposals in his estimates for the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 for the transfer to the regular budget of a substantial portion of the costs of the remaining administrative activities of the core programme which are financed from extrabudgetary funds in the current biennium;

"2. To maintain for a further two-year period from 1 January 1980 the trust fund established pursuant to its resolution 3243 (XXIX), of 29 November 1974 and modified by its resolutions 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 in order to ensure that the financial resources available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator remain adequate to meet the tasks entrusted to that Office."

4. The representative of France requested a separate vote on paragraph 1 and the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested a separate vote on paragraph 2.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows on draft decision A/C.5/33/L.36:

(a) It adopted paragraph 1 by 76 votes to 15, with 11 abstentions;

(b) It adopted paragraph 2 by 99 votes to none, with 3 abstentions;

(c) It adopted the draft decision as a whole by 83 votes to 11, with 7 abstentions. (See para. 7 below.)

6. The comments and observations of delegations during the discussion of the question as well as explanations of vote are reflected in the summary records of the meetings (A/C.5/33/SR.55 and 59).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should decide:

(a) To request the Secretary-General, in pursuance of resolution 32/56 of 8 December 1977, to include proposals in his estimates for the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 for the transfer to the regular budget of a substantial portion of the costs of the remaining administrative activities of the core programme which are financed from extrabudgetary funds in the current biennium;

(b) To maintain for a further two-year period from 1 January 1980 the trust fund established pursuant to its resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 and modified by its resolutions 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 in order to ensure that the financial resources available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator remain adequate to meet the tasks entrusted to that Office.
