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### CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

#### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Current financial crisis of the United Nations", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item concurrently with the agenda item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations" at its 56th to 59th meetings, on 14, 15, 18 and 19 December 1989. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the current situation and funding prospects for 1990 (A/44/857 and **Corr.1**) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/44/873).

#### II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION **A/C.5/44/L.21**

3. At the 58th meeting, on 18 December 1989, the representative of India, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution **A/C.5/44/L.21** and orally amended operative paragraph 3 of part B. At its 59th meeting, on 19 December 1989, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see **para. 5**, draft resolution).

4. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of these items are reflected in the relevant summary records (**A/C.5/44/SR.56-59**).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution;

Current financial crisis and financial emergency  
of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, Article 17,

Recalling also its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 and 42/212 of 21 December 1987 and 43/215 of 21 December 1988,

Deeply concerned that the current financial crisis threatens the financial solvency, stability and work of the Organisation,

Reaffirming the need for a durable, reliable and lasting financial foundation for the Organisation, in accordance with the Charter,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the current financial crisis of the United Nations 1/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Taking note also of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee on the financial situation, especially the current financial crisis of the United Nations,

1. Reaffirms the legal obligation of all Member States, under the Charter of the United Nations, to finance the expenses of the Organisation as apportioned by the General Assembly;

2. Urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and in a timely manner in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

3. Requests those Member States which are in arrears to make every effort to pay their outstanding contributions;

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1/ A/44/857 and Corr.1.

2/ A/44/873.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the financial situation of the United Nations and to keep the President of the General Assembly and the chairmen of the regional groups informed so as to facilitate consideration by Member States if the situation so requires)

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to communicate to all Member States the latest information on the current financial crisis facing the Organization and to submit his report thereon in a timely and comprehensive manner to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/220 of 21 December 1988 and all previous relevant resolutions,

Taking note of the increased role of the Organization in peace-keeping and other related activities,

Mindful of the report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations 3/ and of the views expressed by Member States thereon in the Fifth Committee at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, 4/

Noting with concern that the short-term deficit of the Organization, although marginally reduced during the year, is expected to reach approximately 315 million dollars as at 31 December 1989,

Concerned at the precarious financial situation of all peace-keeping operations and noting that troop-contributing Member States, including the developing-country troop contributors of past and present peace-keeping operations, have borne most of the burden of the deficit,

Noting with concern long delays in and partial payments and non-payment of assessed contributions to past and current peace-keeping operations,

Reiterating earlier appeals to Member States, without prejudice to their position of principle, to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account referred to in annex VI to the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations, 5/

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3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37).

4/ Ibid., Thirty-second Session, Fifth Committee, 32nd, 33rd, 35th, 37th, 39th and 60th meetings; and ibid., Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

5/ A/C.5/44/27.

~~Noting~~ the Secretary-General's proposal in paragraph 29 of his report 5/ to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund,

~~Having considered~~ the report of the Secretary-General ~~on~~ the analysis of the ~~financial~~ situation of the United Nations, 5/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

~~Taking into account~~ the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fourth session,

1. ~~Re-affirms~~ its commitment to seek a ~~comprehensive~~ and generally acceptable solution to the financial problems of the United Nations, based on the principle of the collective financial responsibility of Member States and in strict compliance with the Charter of the United Nations;

2. ~~Urges~~ all Member States to meet their financial obligations under the Charter ~~by~~ paying promptly and in full all assessed contributions and ~~advances~~ to the Working Capital Fund;

3. ~~Requests~~ the Secretary-General, in addition to sending his official communications to the permanent representatives of Member States, to approach, as and when appropriate, the Governments of Member States for the purpose of encouraging expeditious payment in full of all outstanding assessed contributions to all peace-keeping operations, as well as seeking further voluntary contributions for ~~peace-keeping~~ operations)

4. ~~Expresses its appreciation~~ to all Member States that pay ~~their~~ assessed contributions in full within thirty days of the receipt of the Secretary-General's communication, in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations]

5. ~~Requests~~ the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations to keep the financial situation of the ~~Organization~~ under review and to report, as and when appropriate, to the General ~~Assembly~~;

6. ~~Concurs~~ with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 12 of its report) 2/

7. ~~Requests~~ the Secretary-General to submit his annual report on the financial emergency of the United Nations to the General Assembly ~~at~~ its ~~forty-fifth~~ session by 10 October 1990, including therein a comprehensive analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations and results of his efforts in implementation of paragraph 3 of the present resolution.

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