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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING
OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. The item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations" was included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 2965 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972.
2. At its 206th and 207th meetings, on 20 September 1973, the General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the Special Political Committee for consideration and report. At its 2123rd plenary meeting, on 21 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee.
3. The Special Political Committee considered the item at its 897th to 901st meetings, between 26 and 29 November.
4. The Special Political Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations of 21 November 1973 (A/9236), submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2965 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972;
 - (b) Memorandum by the United Kingdom concerning suggestions on the subject of decision-taking in peace-keeping operations (A/9144);
 - (c) Memorandum by Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden regarding a special study on the Nordic stand-by forces for the United Nations peace-keeping operations (A/SPC/165).

5. At the 900th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of France introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/L.293) sponsored by the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Japan, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Subsequently Poland and Yugoslavia joined as sponsors.
6. At the 901st meeting, on 29 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution unanimously (see paragraph 7 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

7. The Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967, 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, 2451 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2670 (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2835 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971 and 2965 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972,

Having received and examined the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations of 21 November 1973, 1/

Having noted the working documents submitted to the Special Committee and its Working Group during the past year and the reports prepared by the Working Group during the same period,

Considering that circumstances are propitious for the continuation of the study with which the Special Committee is entrusted and make it more necessary than ever for the Committee to intensify its work,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in particular paragraphs 10 and 11 thereof;
2. Notes with appreciation the progress made by the Special Committee in the fulfilment of its mandate and the work of its Working Group;
3. Requests the Special Committee and its Working Group to intensify their respective efforts to complete by the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly their task of achieving agreed guidelines for carrying out peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations;
4. Requests the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.
