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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled:

"Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East:

- "(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;
- "(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered sub-item (a) of agenda item 118 at its 55th meeting, on 18 December 1991. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/46/749) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/773).

# II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/46/L.9

3. At the 57th meeting, on 20 December 1991, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution  $\lambda/C.5/46/L.9$ .

- 4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 6).
- 5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this sub-item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/46/SR.55 and 57).

#### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

## Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the mandate of the Force was extended, the latest of which was Security Council resolution 722 (1991) of 29 November 1991,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 25 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 45/243 of 21 December 1990.

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

<sup>1/</sup> A/46/749.

<sup>2/</sup> A/46/773.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Having regard to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and referring to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recognizing that, as a consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to supplement the 'ncome received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Forces,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the necessary rinancial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

- 1. <u>Decides</u> to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section II, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 3211 B (XXIX) the amount of 20,679,000 United States dollars gross (20,199,000 dollars net) authorized and apportioned in paragraph 8 of Assembly resolution 45/243 for the operation of the United Mations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1991, inclusive;
- 2. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 21,384,000 dollars gross (20,835,000 dollars net) for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1991 to 31 May 1992, inclusive;
- 3. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 21,384,000 dollars gross for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and 45/243 of 21 December 1930; the scale of assessments for the year 1991 3/ shall be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 3,564,000 dollars gross, being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1991, and the scale of assessments for the year 1992 4/ shall be applied against the balance, that is, 17,820,000 dollars gross, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1992, inclusive;

<sup>3/</sup> See resolutions 43/223 A, 45/256 D and 46/\_\_\_.

<sup>4/</sup> See resolution 46/\_\_\_.

- 4. <u>Decides</u> that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 7,500 dollars other than staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 December 1991 to 31 May 1992, inclusive; 1,250 dollars, being the amount pertaining on a <u>pro rata</u> basis to the period ending 31 December 1991, and the balance, that is, 6,250 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1992, inclusive;
- 5. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 541,500 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1991 to 31 May 1992, inclusive; 90,250 dollars, being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1991, and the balance, that is, 451,250 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1992, inclusive;
- 6. <u>Decides further</u> that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (g) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/
- 7. Decides that Estonia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Ass mbly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/
- 8. <u>Decides also</u> that the Federated States of Micronesia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (g) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disençagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/
- 9. <u>Decides further</u> that Latvia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/
- 10. <u>Decides</u> that Lithuania shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be

adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments: 4/

- 11. <u>Decides also</u> that Marshall Islands shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/
- 12. <u>Decides further</u> that the Republic of Korea shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (g) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/
- 13. <u>Decides</u> that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force until 30 November 1991 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6 to 12 of this resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 1 above;
- 14. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed 3,564,000 dollars gross (3,472,500 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1992, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 722 (1991), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;
- 15. <u>Decides</u> that the surplus balance as at 30 June 1991 covering the period from 1 December 1989 to 30 November 1990 in the amount of 6,790,883 dollars shall be crodited to Member States against their assessments in respect of such mandate periods as may be approved by the Security Council subsequent to 31 May 1992;
- 16. <u>Invites</u> voluntary contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by General Assembly resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;
- 17. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.