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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/1 B of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base¹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Stressing the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;¹

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the effective and timely completion of the clearing of the backlog in the inventory, and requests the Secretary-General to give priority to the full implementation of a single database for the field assets control system;

3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³

¹ A/53/776 and A/53/815.

² A/53/895 and Add.8.

³ A/53/895/Add.8.

4. *Concurs* with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the cost-benefit analysis;
5. *Urges* the International Civil Service Commission to finalize its work on the review of the rate of post adjustment for the Logistics Base and report thereon before the end of the regular session of the fifty-fourth General Assembly;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next budget submission, to clearly indicate, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the resources required for the Logistics Base to perform its basic functions;
7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take additional steps with a view to making wider use of the Logistics Base by the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 12 and 34 of its report;³
8. *Approves* the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to 7,456,500 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;
9. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,373,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, and also decides to prorate the balance of 6,082,900 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;
10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, ten Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;
11. *Decides* to consider the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi during its fifty-fourth session.