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**Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the
United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the
United Nations peacekeeping operations****Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)***Rapporteur:* Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)**I. Introduction**

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 143 (a) appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/53/522 and Add.1.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 52nd meeting, on 22 March 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/53/SR.52).
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1998 on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for death and disability incidents (A/C.5/53/51).

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At its 52nd meeting, on 22 March, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision entitled "Death and disability benefits", which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

Death and disability benefits

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1998 on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for death and disability incidents.¹

¹ A/C.5/53/51.