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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) (A/C.5/48/40, paras. 34-38).
2. The current mandate of ONUSAL covers the period from 1 December 1993 to 31 May 1994; by its resolution 47/234 of 14 September 1993, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for ONUSAL at a rate not to exceed \$3,000,000 gross (\$2,720,000 net) per month for the four-month period from 1 December 1993 to 31 March 1994.
3. In paragraph 36 of his report, the Secretary-General states that additional expenditure will arise during the election period from 15 to 31 March 1994; consequently, the cost of maintaining ONUSAL for the five-month period from 1 December 1993 to 30 April 1994 is estimated at \$18,137,400 gross (\$16,475,500 net), i.e., some \$3.1 million gross more than the cost of a five-month period based on the current authorized rate of commitments of \$3 million gross per month.
4. In paragraph 125 (f) of the same report, the Secretary-General requests the appropriation and apportionment of the amount of \$18,137,400 gross (\$16,475,500 net) for the period from 1 December 1993 to 30 April 1994.
5. Bearing in mind that the Advisory Committee will examine the detailed performance report of ONUSAL in February 1994 and that the current authorization of \$12 million gross covers the period up to 31 March 1994, the Advisory Committee recommends that at this stage the amount of \$12 million gross (\$10,880,000 net) be maintained and that the amount be assessed.
