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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly heretofore made under this agenda item (subitems (a) and (c)) during the current session are reflected in part I of the Committee's report (A/35/667). Pursuant to those recommendations, the Assembly, at its 76th plenary meeting, on 1 December 1980, adopted resolutions 35/44 and 35/45 and the decision recommended in paragraph 11 of the report.
- 2. The Fifth Committee considered subitem (b) of agenda item 101 at its 46th to 48th meetings, from 4 to 6 December 1980. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/35/613 and Corr.l) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/35/688).
- 3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this subitem are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/35/SR.46-48).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/35/L.29

- 4. At the 46th meeting, on 4 December, the representative of Ireland introduced two draft resolutions contained in document A/C.5/35/L.29, sponsored by Australia, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Senegal and Sweden.
- 5. At its 48th meeting, on 6 December, the Committee adopted the two draft resolutions contained in document A/C.5/35/L.29 by a recorded vote of 80 to 13, with 3 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against:

Afghanistan, Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Iraq, Mongolia, Poland, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Congo, Guinea, Yemen.

6. The representatives of Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Benin, Bulgaria, China, Congo, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, Israel, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Syrian Arab Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics spoke in explanation of vote or position.

TII. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Α

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, $\underline{1}/$ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, $\underline{2}/$

^{1/}A/35/613 and Corr.1.

^{2/} A/35/668.

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 427 (1978) of 3 May 1978, 434 (1978) of 18 September 1978, 444 (1979) of 19 January 1979, 450 (1979) of 14 June 1979, 459 (1979) of 19 December 1979 and 474 (1980) of 17 June 1980,

Recalling its resolutions S-8/2 of 21 April 1978, 33/14 of 3 November 1978, 34/9 B of 17 December 1979 and 35/44 of 1 December 1980,

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

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 peacekeeping operations involving heavy expenditures,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of peace-keeping operations decided upon in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

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Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 an amount of \$64,602,996 gross (\$64,059,996 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 34/9 B for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 December 1979 to 18 June 1980 inclusive;

II

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 an amount of \$64,602,996 gross (\$64,059,996 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 34/9 B for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 June to 18 December 1980 inclusive;

III

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed \$12,180,500 gross (\$12,060,166 net) per month for the period from 19 December 1980 to 18 December 1981 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 474 (1980) of 17 June 1980, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in Assembly resolution 33/14 and the provisions of section V, paragraph 1, of resolution 34/9 B, in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982;

IV

- l. Renews its invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;
- 2. <u>Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions in cash to the Suspense Account established in accordance with its resolution 34/9 D of 17 December 1979;</u>

V

Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

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- 1. Decides that Saint Lucia shall be included in the group of Member States mentioned in section I, paragraph 2 (d), of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 and that its contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 35/11 A of 3 November 1980;
- 2. Decides further that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon until 18 December 1980 of the Member State listed in paragraph 1 of the present section shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in section III above.

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The General Assembly,

<u>Having regard</u> to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, $\underline{3}$ / and referring to paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, $\underline{4}$ /

Mindful of the fact it is essential to provide the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General is continuing to face growing difficulties in meeting the obligations of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon on a current basis, particularly those due to the troop-contributing Governments,

^{3/}A/35/613 and Corr.1.

^{4/} A/35/668.

Recalling its resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979,

Recognizing that, in consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have, in effect, been drawn upon to the full extent to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Force,

Concerned that the application of the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations would aggravate the already difficult financial situation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,

Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the amount of \$2,173,113, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in the account referred to in the operative part of General Assembly resolution 34/9 E and held in suspense until a further decision is taken by the Assembly.