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Until the thirtieth regular session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed by a roman numeral in parentheses indicating the session (for example: resolution 3363 (XXX)). When several resolutions were adopted under the same number, each of them was identified by a capital letter placed between the two numerals (for example: resolution 3367 A (XXX), resolutions 3411 A and B (XXX), resolutions 3419 A to D (XXX)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the thirty-first session, as part of the new system adopted for symbols of General Assembly documents, resolutions and decisions have been identified by an arabic numeral, indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution 32/1, decision 32/301). When several resolutions or decisions were adopted under the same number, each of them has been identified by a capital letter placed after the two numerals (for example: resolution 32/4 A, resolutions 32/88 A and B, decisions 32/402 A to D).

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Until the seventh special session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed, in parentheses, by the letter "S" and a roman numeral indicating the session (for example: resolution 3362 (S-VII)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the eighth special session, the resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letter "S" and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution S-8/1, decision S-8/11).

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If the General Assembly should decide to hold additional emergency special sessions, the resolutions and decisions adopted at those sessions would be identified by the letters "ES" and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution ES-6/1, decision ES-6/11).

In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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In addition to the text of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its eighth special session, the present volume contains a check list of those resolutions and decisions (see annex).

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I. AGENDA¹

- 1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Yugoslavia.
- 2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
- 3. Credentials of representatives to the eighth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
- 4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
- 5. Organization of the session.
- 6. Adoption of the agenda.
- 7. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

¹ See also sect. IV.B, decision S-8/21.

II. RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A MAIN COMMITTEE

S-8/1. Credentials of representatives to the eighth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.2

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² Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/S-8/8.

III. RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE³

S-8/2. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,⁴ established pursuant to Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 for the period from 19 March to 18 September 1978 inclusive, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵

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 peace-keeping operations involving heavy expenditures,

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

Urging all concerned to implement strictly Security Council resolution 425 (1978) in all its parts.

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- 1. Decides to appropriate an amount of \$54 million for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 19 March to 18 September 1978 inclusive and requests the Secretary-General to maintain the Special Account for the Force;
- 2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, without prejudice to the positions of principle that may be taken by Member States in any consideration by the General Assembly of arrangements for the financing of peace-keeping operations:
- (a) To apportion an amount of \$33,075,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the States permanent members of the Security Council in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1978;6
- ³ For the report of the Fifth Committee, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document A/S-8/9.
- ⁴ A/S-8/3. ⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document A/S-8/4.

⁶ See resolution 32/39.

- (b) To apportion an amount of \$19,764,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the economically developed Member States which are not permanent members of the Security Council in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1978;
- (c) To apportion an amount of \$1,139,400 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the economically less developed Member States in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1978;
- (d) To apportion an amount of \$21,600 for the above-mentioned six-month period to the following of the economically less developed Member States in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1978: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Surinam, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta and Yemen;
- 3. Decides that, for the purpose of the present resolution, the term "economically less developed Member States" in paragraph 2 (c) above shall mean all Member States except Australia, Austria, Belgium, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (a) and (d) above;
- 4. Decides 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 2 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of \$278,000 approved for the period from 19 March to 18 September 1978 inclusive;
- 5. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed \$6 million per month for the period from 19 September to 31 October 1978 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the initial period of six months, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;
- 6. Invites 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;

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

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

S-8/11. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 20 April 1978, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the eighth special session, appointed in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, would have the same composition as that for the thirty-second session.

As a result, the Committee was composed of the following Member States: Canada, China, Ecuador, Fiji, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

S-8/12. Election of the President of the General Assembly⁷

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 20 April 1978, the General Assembly decided that Mr. Lazar Mojsov (Yugoslavia), President of the Assembly at its thirty-second session, would serve in the same capacity at the eighth special session.

S-8/13. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees⁷

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 20 April 1978, the General Assembly decided that the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the thirty-second session would serve in the same capacity at the eighth special session, on the understanding that the Chairmen of the Special Political Committee, the Third Committee, the Fourth Committee and the Sixth Committee would each be replaced by another member of his delegation.

⁷ In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the seventeen Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees.

The following persons were therefore elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee: Mr. Frank Edmund Boaten (Ghana),

Special Political Committee: Mr. Siegfried ZACHMANN (German Democratic Republic),

Second Committee: Mr. Peter Jankowitsch (Austria), Third Committee: Miss Marcella Martinez (Jamaica),

Fourth Committee: Mr. Taher AL-HUSSAMY (Syrian Arab Republic),

Fifth Committee: Mr. Morteza Talieh (Iran), Sixth Committee: Mr. Alvaro Bonilla (Colombia).

S-8/14. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly?

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 20 April 1978, the General Assembly decided that the Vice-Presidents of the thirty-second session would serve in the same capacity at the eighth special session.

The representatives of the following seventeen Member States were therefore elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: China, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Indonesia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Netherlands, Peru, Sierra Leone, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

S-8/21. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 20 April 1978, the General Assembly adopted the agenda for the eighth special session.8

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate item 7 of the agenda (Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) to the Fifth Committee.

⁸ A/S-8/7; see sect. I.

ANNEX

CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

This check list includes all the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its eighth special session. The column "Voting result" indicates the number of votes in favour, the number of votes against and the number of abstentions for the only resolution which was adopted by a formal vote. Individual results appear in the verbatim record of the relevant plenary meeting (see Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Special Session, Plenary Meetings).

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^{*} Recorded vote.