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FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE PROSECUTION OF
PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER
YUGOSLAVIA SINCE 1991

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 39th, 41st and 46th meetings, on 11, 12 and 17 December 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.39, 41 and 46).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/C.5/51/30) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.5).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/51/L.22

4. At the 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal

for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" (A/C.5/51/L.22).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.22 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of
Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International
Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former
Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling its resolution 50/212 C of 7 June 1996, by which it requested the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake, without prejudice to its programme of work, an inspection of the International Tribunal, with a view to identifying problems and recommending measures to enhance the efficient utilization of resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session,

Noting that the Secretary-General intends to submit revised budget proposals for 1997 following the finalization at the end of 1996 of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his revised budget proposals detailed explanations regarding the rental conditions of office and parking space referred to in paragraph 89 of his report¹ and the efforts to find sub-tenants for the available office and parking space, taking into account paragraph 10 of resolution 48/251 of 14 April 1994;

¹ A/C.5/51/30.

² A/51/7/Add.5.

3. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 23,655,600 United States dollars gross (21,146,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1997;

4. Decides also that the appropriation for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1997 under the Special Account referred to in paragraph 3 above shall be financed according to the methodology established by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/242 B of 20 July 1995, taking into account the anticipated availability of an unencumbered balance of 5 million dollars for 1996, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

5. Decides further that Member States shall waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force in the amount of 9,327,800 dollars gross (8,073,450 dollars net), to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal from the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992;

6. Decides to apportion the amount of 9,327,800 dollars gross (8,073,450 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1997;

7. Decides also 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 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,254,350 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1997;

8. Decides further to revert to the consideration of the financing of the International Tribunal for the year 1997 at the first part of its resumed fifty-first session in 1997 on the basis of the revised budget proposals to be submitted by the Secretary-General and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to be submitted to the General Assembly, which was requested with a view to identifying problems and recommending measures to enhance the efficient utilization of resources.

ANNEX

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of
Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International
Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former
Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	Net
	<hr/> (United States dollars)	
Initial appropriations for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1997	23 655 600	21 146 900
LESS: Estimated 1996 unencumbered balance	(5 000 000)	(5 000 000)
BALANCE: 1 January-30 June 1997 (appropriation to be assessed for January-June)	18 655 600	16 146 900
Of which: United Nations Protection Force ^a	9 327 800	8 073 450
Assessed amounts ^b	9 327 800	8 073 450

^a Refers to the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force.

^b Refers to the contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1997.
