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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 made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 110 (a) are noted in Part I of the Committee's report (A/36/720). Pursuant to those recommendations, the Assembly, at its 77th plenary meeting, on 30 November 1981, adopted resolutions 36/66 A and B.
2. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 110 (b) at its 74th meeting on 14 December 1981. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/36/601 and Corr.1 and 2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/36/797).
3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this subitem are reflected in the relevant summary record (see A/C.5/36/SR.74).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

4. At the 74th meeting, on 14 December, the representative of Sweden introduced draft resolutions A and B contained in document A/C.5/36/L.34, sponsored by Australia, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Senegal and Sweden, subsequently joined by France.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolutions A and B (A/C.5/36/L.39) by 73 votes to 13, with 2 abstentions (see para. 7).
6. The representatives of Albania, Hungary, Iraq, Mongolia, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics spoke in explanation of vote.

III. 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

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

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, 474 (1980) of 17 June 1980, 483 (1980) of 17 December 1980 and 488 (1981) of 19 June 1981,

Recalling its resolutions S-8/2 of 21 April 1978, 33/14 of 3 November 1978, 34/9 B of 17 December 1979, 35/44 of 1 December 1980 and 35/115 A of 10 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 peace-keeping operations involving heavy expenditures,

1/ A/36/601 and Corr.1 and 2.

2/ A/36/797.

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,

I

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 an amount of \$73,083,000 gross (\$72,360,996 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 35/115 A for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 December 1980 to 18 June 1981 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 \$73,083,000 gross (\$72,360,996 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 35/115 A for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 June to 18 December 1981 inclusive;

III

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed \$13,316,666 gross (\$13,177,500 net) per month for the period from 19 December 1981 to 18 December 1982 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 488 (1981) of 19 June 1981, 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 and section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 35/115 A, in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982;

IV

1. 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. 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;

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;

VI

1. Decides that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Zimbabwe 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 their contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs _____ and _____ of Assembly resolution 36/_____ of _____ 1981; 3/

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 1981 of the Member States referred to 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.

B

The General Assembly,

Having regard 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, 4/ and referring to paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Mindful of the fact that 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 Governments of troop-contributing States,

Recalling its resolutions 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and 35/115 B of 17 December 1980,

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,

3/ Resolution relating to the scale of assessments.

4/ A/36/601/Corr.1 and 2.

5/ A/36/797.

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 \$3,759,109, 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.
