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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 subitem (a) of agenda item 114, relating to the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), are noted in part I of the Committee's report (A/37/681). Pursuant to those recommendations, the Assembly, at its 85th plenary meeting on 30 November 1982, adopted resolutions 37/38 A and B.
2. The Fifth Committee considered subitem (b) of agenda item 114, relating to the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), at its 51st and 53rd meetings, on 1 and 2 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of UNIFIL (A/37/535) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/37/649).
3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this subitem are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/37/SR.51 and 53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

4. At the 53rd meeting, on 2 December, the representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A and B contained in document A/C.5/37/L.32, sponsored by Australia, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Senegal and Sweden.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the two draft resolutions by a recorded vote of 74 to 12, with 2 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, 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 States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: 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, Viet Nam.

Abstaining: Cuba, Maldives.

6. The representatives of Benin, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Hungary, Iraq, Israel, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America 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

1/ The delegations of Costa Rica, Egypt, Morocco and the Sudan subsequently indicated that they had intended to vote in favour.

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 2/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

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, 488 (1981) of 19 June 1981, 498 (1981) of 18 December 1981, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, 511 (1982) of 18 June 1982, 519 (1982) of 17 August 1982 and 523 (1982) of 18 October 1982,

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, 35/115 A of 10 December 1980, 36/138 A of 16 December 1981 and 36/138 C of 19 March 1982,

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 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 \$89,724,996 gross (\$88,887,000 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 36/138 A and paragraph 1 of resolution 36/138 C for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 December 1981 to 18 June 1982 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 \$30,459,332 gross (\$30,175,666 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 36/138 A and paragraph 1 of resolution 36/138 C for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 June to 18 August 1982 inclusive;

2/ A/37/535.

3/ A/37/649.

III

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 an amount of \$30,459,332 gross (\$30,175,666 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 36/138 A and paragraph 1 of resolution 36/138 C for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 August to 18 October 1982 inclusive;

IV

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 an amount of \$30,459,332 gross (\$30,175,666 net), being the amount authorized and apportioned under the provisions of section III of Assembly resolution 36/138 A and paragraph 1 of resolution 36/138 C for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 October to 18 December 1982 inclusive;

V

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 December 1982 to 18 January 1983, in an amount not to exceed \$15,229,666 gross (\$15,087,833 net) the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in General Assembly resolution 33/14 and the provisions of section V, paragraph 1, of resolution 34/9 B, section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 35/115 A and section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 36/138 A; the scale of assessments for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 shall be applied against a portion thereof, that is, \$6,386,634 gross (\$6,327,156 net), being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period 19 to 31 December 1982 inclusive, and the scale of assessments for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 shall be applied against the balance for the period thereafter;

VI

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed \$15,229,666 gross (\$15,087,833 net) per month for the period from 19 January 1983 to 18 December 1983 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of three months authorized under its resolution 523 (1982), subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for each mandate period that may be approved subsequent to 19 January 1983; the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in General Assembly resolution 33/14 and the provisions of section V, paragraph 1, of resolution 34/9 B, section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 35/115 A and section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 36/138 A, in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985;

VII

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;

VIII

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;

IX

1. Decides that Antigua and Barbuda, Belize and Vanuatu 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 the resolution adopted by the Assembly at the current session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

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 1982 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 V 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, 5/ and referring to paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 6/

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,

4/ Paragraphs ____ and ____ of resolution 37/____ of _____ 1982.

5/ A/37/535.

6/ A/37/649.

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, 35/115 B of 10 December 1980 and 36/138 B of 16 December 1981,

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 \$5,939,256, 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.
