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

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

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1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, included in its agenda the item entitled:

"Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East:

- (a) United Nations Emergency Force and United Nations Disengagement Observer Force: report of the Secretary-General;
- (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Secretary-General",

and allocated it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 25th meeting, on 23 October 1979, the Fifth Committee considered, in connexion with subitem (a), a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman (A/C.5/34/L.11), by which the General Assembly would authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 25 October to 30 November 1979 inclusive, in order to allow adequate time for consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Force.

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the draft resolution are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/34/SR.25).

4. The Committee, by 84 votes to 5, with 17 abstentions, adopted draft resolution A/C.5/34/L.11 (see para. 6 below).

5. The representatives of the following Member States spoke in explanation of vote: Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, Congo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Benin, Israel, Yemen, Peru, Morocco and Sierra Leone.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the present authority of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as provided by section III of General Assembly resolution 33/13 D of 8 December 1978, expires on 24 October 1979,

Noting that the present mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, which was renewed by the Security Council in resolution 449 (1979) of 30 May 1979, continues until 30 November 1979 inclusive,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed \$1,682,833 gross (\$1,666,000 net) per month for the period from 25 October to 30 November 1979 inclusive, in order to allow adequate time for consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Force;

2. Also decides to apportion the above-mentioned expenses among Member States in accordance with the scheme set forth in General Assembly resolution 33/13 D.
