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FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1983, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Financial emergency of the United Nations:

(a) Report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations;

(b) Report of the Secretary-General".

At its 4th plenary meeting, on the same day, the Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/38/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

3. The Committee considered this item at its 3rd to 6th, 8th and 73rd meetings, held on 27 and 30 September and 5, 6 and 8 October and 19 December 1983. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/38/SR.3-6, 8 and 73).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/38/L.26

4. At the 73rd meeting, on 19 December, Mr. Henrik Amnéus, Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced and orally revised a draft resolution entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations" (A/C.5/38/L.26), which was the result of informal consultations with members of the Committee.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/38/L.26, as orally revised, by 73 votes to 8 (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Financial emergency of the United Nations

A

Postage stamps

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations, 1/

Recalling its resolution 35/113 of 10 December 1980 and in particular paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 that the provisions of regulations 5.2 and 7.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall not apply to the sale proceeds of postage stamps on the conservation and protection of nature so that a portion of the revenues so earned, after deducting the cost of producing the stamps, shall be earmarked for promoting, under United Nations auspices, the noble cause of conservation and protection of nature and endangered species, and the remainder of the net proceeds shall be placed in a special account,

Recalling also its resolution 37/13 of 16 November 1982,

1. Decides to allocate one half of the net revenues from the sale of the above-mentioned postage stamps to the United Nations Environment Programme for financing projects which promote conservation and protection of nature and endangered species;

1/ A/C.5/38/9.

2. Decides to allocate the remaining one half of the net proceeds to the United Nations Special Account; 2/

3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit a report to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at an appropriate time on the results of the projects and their impact on conservation and the protection of nature and endangered species;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a financial report on the project of the issue of special postage stamps.

B

Financial emergency

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations 3/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 4/

Taking note of the relevant statements of Member States in the Fifth Committee on this item,

1. Requests the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations to keep the financial situation of the Organization under review and to report, as and when appropriate, to the General Assembly;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session detailed information relating to the extent, rate of increase and composition of the deficit of the Organization, as well as voluntary contributions received from Member States and other sources;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations: report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations".

2/ Established pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2053 (XX) and 3049 (XXVII).

3/ A/C.5/38/9 and Add.1.

4/ A/38/515.