



**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 52nd MEETING**

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**Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and**  
**Budgetary Questions:** Mr. MSELLE

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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 153: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION  
(A/43/249 and Add.1 and 2)

1. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the report of the Advisory Committee on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM) (A/43/249/Add.2), said that the costs of UNAVEM had been estimated for the 31-month period from 3 January 1989 to 2 August 1991. The Secretary-General had estimated that the Mission would cost \$19.4 million gross (A/43/249/Add.1, para. 6). He was, however, proposing that the General Assembly, at its resumed forty-third session, should appropriate \$9.2 million gross for the initial 12-month period and consider the balance of \$10.2 million gross at its forty-fourth session.
2. The Advisory Committee's brief report did not reflect its deliberations on whether UNAVEM should be regarded as a peace-keeping operation and its costs determined on the basis of a special scale, or whether it should be treated as a regular budget expenditure, similar to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) or the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).
3. He drew attention to paragraph 16, which reflected the Advisory Committee's view that UNAVEM was sui generis and not wholly comparable with other United Nations operations. Given the nature of UNAVEM, the expenditures it required should be lower than the amount estimated by the Secretary-General. The Advisory Committee had indicated a number of areas where savings could be achieved. However, since estimates for the remaining 19 months would be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, the Advisory Committee was not recommending any reduction in the appropriation for the first 12 months. The Advisory Committee trusted that its views would be taken into account when the Secretariat requested resources to fund the remainder of the Mission.
4. The gross amount which the Advisory Committee was recommending for the initial phase in paragraph 17 of its report included the \$4.2 million commitment authority it had approved previously.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.

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