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

United Nations Emergency Force and United Nations
Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

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1. At its 4th and 5th plenary meetings, on 22 September 1978, 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", 1/

and allocated it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 23rd meeting, on 26 October 1978, the Fifth Committee considered subitem (a).

3. The Security Council, in its resolution 438 (1978) of 23 October 1978, decided to renew the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force for the period from 25 October 1978 to 24 July 1979 inclusive. The present mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, which was renewed by the Security Council in resolution 429 (1978) of 31 May 1978, continues until 30 November 1978 inclusive.

1/ For the report of the Fifth Committee on subitem (b), see A/33/347.

4. In view of the fact that the present appropriation for the United Nations Emergency Force, as provided in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 32/4 B of 2 December 1977, does not extend beyond 24 October 1978 and that the present authorization of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as provided in section III of Assembly resolution 32/4 C of 2 December 1977, expires on 24 October 1978, the Fifth Committee adopted, by 81 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions, a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman (A/C.5/33/L.8). By that draft resolution the Assembly would authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force for the period from 25 October to 30 November 1978 inclusive and for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 25 October to 30 November 1978 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 Forces (see para. 6 below).

5. Reservations and explanations of vote made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this item are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/33/SR.23).

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 Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the present appropriation for the United Nations Emergency Force, as provided by section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 32/4 B of 2 December 1977, does not extend to periods beyond 24 October 1978,

Recalling further 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 32/4 C of 2 December 1977, expires on 24 October 1978,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 438 (1978) of 23 October 1978, by which the Council renewed the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force for the period from 25 October 1978 to 24 July 1979 inclusive,

Noting further that the present mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, which was renewed by the Security Council in resolution 429 (1978) of 31 May 1978, continues until 30 November 1978 inclusive,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force at a rate not to exceed \$6,360,083 per month

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for the period from 25 October to 30 November 1978 inclusive, and for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed \$1,607,000 per month for the period from 25 October to 30 November 1978 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 Forces;

2. Also decides to apportion the above-mentioned expenses among Member States in accordance with the scheme set forth in General Assembly resolutions 32/4 B and 32/4 C.
