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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 II)

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1. At its 47th meeting, on 30 November 1978, the Fifth Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.5/33/L.20) submitted by the Chairman, in consultation with the Secretariat, on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling that the present authority of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force and for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as provided by paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 33/13 of 3 November 1978, expires on 30 November 1978,

"Taking note of Security Council resolution 438 (1978) of 23 October 1978, which renewed the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force for the period from 25 October 1978 to 24 July 1979 inclusive, and of Security Council resolution 441 (1978) of 30 November 1978 which renewed the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1978 to 31 May 1979 inclusive,

"1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force and for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at rates not to exceed \$6,451,000 and \$1,682,833 per month, respectively, for the period from 1 to 7 December 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 (A/33/373):

"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 C."

2. The Security Council, by its resolution 438 (1978) of 23 October 1978, decided to renew the mandate of UNEF for the period from 25 October 1978 to 24 July 1979 inclusive, and in its resolution 441 (1978) of 30 November 1978, decided to renew the mandate of UNDOF for the period from 1 December 1978 to 31 May 1979 inclusive.

3. As provided by paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 33/13 of 3 November 1978, the authority of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for UNEF and UNDOF expires on 30 November 1978. In view of Security Council decisions to renew the mandates of the Forces, and in order to allow time for consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Forces (A/33/373), draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.20 would, inter alia, authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Forces for a further period, from 1 to 7 December 1978 inclusive.

4. An amendment to draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.20 was proposed by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, whereby the figures in operative paragraph 1 would be changed to reflect the amounts for the period 1 to 7 December 1978 instead of the monthly rates. The amendment was adopted without objection.

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.47).

6. The Fifth Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.20 as follows:

(a) Authorization for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for UNEF for a total amount not to exceed \$1,456,000 for the period from 1 to 7 December 1978 inclusive, on which a separate vote had been requested, was adopted by 57 votes to 11, with 2 abstentions;

(b) Draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.20, as amended, was adopted by 58 votes to 2, with 11 abstentions (see para. 7 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. 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 authority of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force and for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as provided by paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 33/13 of 3 November 1978, expires on 30 November 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, and of Security Council resolution 441 (1978) of 30 November 1978 by which the Council renewed the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1978 to 31 May 1979 inclusive,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force and for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at rates not to exceed \$1,456,000 and \$378,000, respectively, for the period from 1 to 7 December 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; 1/

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 C of 2 December 1977.

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