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United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

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; 1/
- (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Secretary-General",

and allocated it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 21st to 24th meetings, from 23 to 27 October 1978, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/33/292) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/328).

3. In his report (A/33/292), the Secretary-General estimated that the total cost of UNIFIL for the period of four months from 19 September 1978 to 18 January 1979 inclusive, based on an average force strength of 5,900 troops, would be \$46,858,000 and that the income from staff assessment would be \$370,000.

1/ For the report of the Fifth Committee on subitem (a), see A/33/346.

4. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraphs 13, 15, 18, 24 and 25 of its report (A/33/328), indicated that savings totalling \$2,278,000 could be achieved with respect to the estimates of the Secretary-General and, as set out in paragraph 29 of its report, recommended that the budget for UNIFIL for the period from 19 September 1978 to 18 January 1979 inclusive should not exceed \$44.6 million gross (\$44.2 million net of staff assessment).

5. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced that Committee's report in an oral statement before the Fifth Committee (see A/C.5/33/SR.21).

II. ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE

6. At the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 26 October, the representative of Norway introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/33/L.10) sponsored by Argentina, Austria, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Italy, the Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Senegal and Sweden.

7. At its 24th meeting, on 27 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.10 by 67 votes to 12, with 1 abstention (see para. 10 below).

8. In regard to section III of the draft resolution, whereby the Secretary-General would be authorized to enter into commitments, the Fifth Committee requested the Secretary-General to submit - should the Security Council decide to renew the mandate beyond 18 January 1979 - the cost estimates for the Force to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, which would examine them with a view to making recommendations to him on the actual level of resources to be committed.

9. A full account of the Fifth Committee's consideration, including reservations expressed by some delegations as well as explanations of vote, is reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/33/SR.24).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 2/ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 427 (1978) of 3 May 1978 and 434 (1978) of 18 September 1978,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978,

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by such operations, a different procedure from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations is required,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards peace-keeping operations involving heavy expenditures,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of peace-keeping operations decided in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

I

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 the additional amount of \$6,900,000 being the amount of the commitments entered into by the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, under the provisions of Assembly resolution 32/214 of 21 December 1977 for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 19 March to 18 September 1978 inclusive, in order to meet additional expenses of the Force arising from Security Council resolution 427 (1978) of 3 May 1978, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in Assembly resolution S-8/2;

II

1. Decides to appropriate an amount of \$44,568,000 for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 19 September 1978 to 18 January 1979 inclusive, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to maintain a Special Account for the Force;

2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, without prejudice to the positions of principle that may be taken by Member States in any consideration by the General Assembly of arrangements for the financing of peace-keeping operations:

2/ A/33/292.

3/ A/33/328.

(a) To apportion an amount of \$27,297,900 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (a) of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

(b) To apportion an amount of \$16,311,888 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (b) of resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

(c) To apportion an amount of \$940,385 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (c) of resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

(d) To apportion an amount of \$17,827 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (d) of resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

3. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 2 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of \$370,000 approved for the period 19 September 1978 to 18 January 1979 inclusive, reduced by \$118,000, being the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income for the period 19 March to 18 September 1978 inclusive;

III

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed \$11,142,000 per month for the period from 19 January to 31 October 1979 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of four months authorized under its resolution 434 (1978) of 18 September 1978, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

IV

1. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

V

1. Decides that Djibouti and Viet Nam shall be included in the group of Member States mentioned in section I, paragraphs 2 (d) and 2 (c), respectively, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 and that their contributions for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 33/___ of _____;

2. Decides further that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in respect of the appropriation apportioned under General Assembly resolution S-8/2 for the operation of the Force from 19 March to 18 September 1978 of the Member States listed in paragraph 1 of the present section shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be further set off against the appropriations apportioned in section II above.
