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FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 46th, 53rd and 54th meetings, on 30 November and 7 and 8 December 1978, the Fifth Committee considered a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/46) providing an analysis of the financial emergency of the United Nations. It also had before it the report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session 1/ and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting a statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/C.5/33/44).
2. At its 46th meeting on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations provided information to the Committee on the status of this item.
3. At its 53rd meeting, on 7 December, the Committee had before it the following draft decision proposed by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee:

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General in A/C.5/33/46 providing analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations and the statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in A/C.5/33/44 on the question of Member States withholding or assigning conditions to assessed contributions to regular budgets;
2. Requests the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations to keep the financial situation of the United Nations under review and to submit, if necessary, a supplementary report on further developments to be considered at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37).

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, at the thirty-fourth session, detailed information regarding 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;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations."

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed the deletion of the words "and the statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in A/C.5/33/44 on the question of Member States withholding or assigning conditions to assessed contributions to regular budgets" in paragraph 1 of the draft decision.

5. Also at the 53rd meeting, the representative of Pakistan proposed the retention of that portion of paragraph 1 reading "the statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in A/C.5/33/44" and the addition of a new second paragraph reading "2. Takes note of the statements of the Member States in the Fifth Committee on this item."

6. At the 54th meeting on 8 December, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics indicated his agreement to the amendment proposed by the representative of Pakistan and the Committee then accepted the amendment without objection.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision proposed by the Chairman of the Committee, as orally amended, by consensus (see para. 9 below).

8. Comments and observations of the members of the Committee and representatives of the Secretary-General are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.46, 53 and 54).

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ providing an analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations and the statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination: 3/

(b) Take note of the relevant statements of the Member States in the Fifth Committee on this item;

(c) Request the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the

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2/ A/C.5/33/46.

3/ A/C.5/33/44.

United Nations to keep the financial situation of the United Nations under review and to submit, if necessary, a supplementary report on further developments to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to provide, at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, detailed information regarding 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;

(e) Decide to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations."

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