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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE AND OF
THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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1. At its 1677th meeting, on 29 November 1974, the Fifth Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1196) on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (see para. 9 below) introduced by the representative of Argentina on behalf of Argentina, Austria, Canada, Finland, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Nepal, Norway, Panama, Peru and Sweden. Australia, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ireland, New Zealand and Senegal later joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

2. The Committee also had before it the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1198) submitted by Peru:

"The Fifth Committee, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/9822) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (A/9870), decides that the rate of payment to troop contributing countries for pay and allowances for their troops serving in these Forces shall be standardized. Commencing 25 October 1973, these payments shall be established at the rate of \$500 per man per month. The Committee further decides to establish at the standard rate of \$150 per man per month a supplementary payment for a limited number of specialists serving with the various Force contingents; this payment shall be limited to a maximum of 25 per cent for the logistic contingents and to 10 per cent for other contingents of their actual total strength. The rates of payment shall be subject to review by the General Assembly."

3. The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania orally proposed that the word "October" be replaced by "December" in section II, paragraph 4, of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1196. In response to appeals made by the representatives of Egypt and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania withdrew his amendment.

DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. On the request of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics a separate vote was taken on the following paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1196:

Section I

Paragraph 2 was retained by 81 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions.

Section II

Paragraph 1 was retained by 79 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions;

Paragraph 2 was retained by 79 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions;

Paragraph 4 was retained by 80 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions.

5. The draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1196) as a whole was adopted by 82 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions (see para. 9 below).

6. The Committee then adopted the draft decision (A/C.5/L.1198) by 81 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions (see para. 10 below).

7. The Committee also decided to defer consideration of a draft decision (A/C.5/L.1193) submitted by the United Republic of Tanzania on behalf of the Group of seventy-seven until its following meeting.

8. The reservations and views expressed in respect of the above decisions are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1678).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

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Financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and
of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 1/ as well as the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 340 (1973) of 25 October 1973, 346 (1974) of 8 April 1974, 362 (1974) of 23 October 1974, 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, and 363 (1964) of 29 November 1974,

Noting also its resolutions 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 3211 (XXIX) of 31 October 1974,

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

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 such operations, as indicated in resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963 and other resolutions of the General Assembly,

I

1. Decides to appropriate the amount of \$30 million authorized and apportioned by paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3101 (XXVIII) for the operation of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 25 April to 31 October 1974 inclusive;

2. Decides further, in accordance with the ad hoc arrangement in paragraph 2 of resolution 3101 (XXVIII), to appropriate an additional amount of \$19.8 million for the operation of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 25 October 1973 to 24 October 1974 inclusive in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1974-1976 as follows:

1/ A/9822.

2/ A/9870.

(a) \$12,503,700 among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (a) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII);

(b) \$6,886,440 among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII);

(c) \$399,960 among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (c) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII);

(d) \$9,900 among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (d) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII);

II

1. Decides to appropriate an amount of \$40 million for the operation of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force from 25 October 1974 to 24 April 1975 inclusive, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to maintain a Special Account for the Force;

2. Decides further, 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:

(a) To apportion an amount of \$25,260,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the Member States mentioned in paragraph 2 (a) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII) in the proportions provided therein;

(b) To apportion an amount of \$13,912,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the Member States mentioned in paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII) in the proportions provided therein;

(c) To apportion an amount of \$808,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the Member States mentioned in paragraph 2 (c) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII) in the proportions provided therein;

(d) To apportion an amount of \$20,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the Member States mentioned in paragraph 2 (d) of resolution 3101 (XXVIII) in the proportions provided therein;

3. Reiterates for the purpose of the present resolution the definition of the term "economically less developed Member States" contained in paragraph 3 of resolution 3101 (XXVIII);

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed \$6,666,667 per month for the period from 25 April to 31 October 1975 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond 24 April 1975, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

5. Stresses the need for voluntary contributions to the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force are conducted with a maximum of efficiency and economy, and in this connexion endorses the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 23 of its report.

10. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the approval of the following draft decision:

"The General Assembly, on the basis of the consideration by the Fifth Committee of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 3/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, 4/ decides that the rate of payment to troop contributing countries for pay and allowances for their troops serving in these forces shall be standardized. Commencing 25 October 1973 these payments shall be established at the rate of \$500 per man per month. The General Assembly further decides to establish at the standard rate of \$150 per man per month a supplementary payment for a limited number of specialists serving with the various Force contingents; this payment shall be limited to a maximum of 25 per cent for the logistic contingents and to 10 per cent for other contingents of their actual total strength. The rates of payment shall be subject to review by the General Assembly."

3/ A/9822.

4/ A/9870.