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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 111: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (*continued*)

(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (*continued*)
(A/67/104/Add.1)

1. **The Chair** drew attention to document A/67/104/Add.1, which indicated that Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), a member of the International Civil Service Commission, had passed away, and that the Government of Algeria had nominated Mr. Larbi Djacta, who had been endorsed by the Group of African States, to complete the unexpired portion of Mr. Bouayad-Agha's term of office. He said he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the appointment of Mr. Djacta to the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on the day of appointment and ending on 31 December 2016.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. *Mr. Djacta was recommended for appointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on the date of his appointment and ending on 31 December 2016.*

Agenda item 158: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (*continued*)

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (*continued*) (A/67/857 and A/67/874)

4. **Ms. Casar** (Controller) introduced the note by the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/67/857), in which the General Assembly was requested to appropriate and assess an additional \$8 million for the payment of danger pay to staff and for special measures and security-related requirements for the protection of UNDOF personnel and property.

5. **Mr. Ruiz Massieu** (Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/67/874), said that the Secretary-General requested an increase of \$7,973,200 to the amount of \$45,992,000 already appropriated for UNDOF for the period 2012/13. Noting that the presentation of the requirement for two temporary positions in the Office of the Force Commander had lacked sufficient clarity

and rationale to justify in a transparent manner the additional resources requested, he said that the Advisory Committee nevertheless did not object to the establishment of the positions from the actual date of their incumbency to the end of the 2012/13 period, with reductions in the related requirement based on additional information provided to the Advisory Committee.

6. Turning to the additional requirements for facilities and infrastructure, he said that, while the Advisory Committee encouraged the Secretary-General to provide the Force with suitable secure facilities for its personnel, it questioned whether sufficient time remained in the current fiscal period to expend the entire amount requested. The Advisory Committee therefore recommended a reduction of \$429,000 in the proposed resources and requested that the Secretary-General should provide the Assembly with updated information on the status of the construction and alteration projects when it considered his note on financing arrangements for UNDOF (A/67/857).

7. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Assembly should appropriate and assess the amount of \$7,503,200 for the maintenance of the Force for the 12-month period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, a reduction of \$470,000 in the amount proposed by the Secretary-General.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (*continued*) (A/C.5/67/L.37)

8. **Mr. Ballantyne** (New Zealand), speaking as the coordinator of the informal consultations on sub-item 158 (b), said that the Committee had been unable to reach consensus on the text of a draft resolution.

9. **The Chair** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.37, submitted by the representative of Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

10. **Mr. Navoti** (Fiji), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Secretary-General had reported, in document A/67/747, that Israel had not paid the amount of \$1,117,005 owed to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as a result of the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996. Moreover, no response had been received to the Secretary-General's letters to Israel in the matter. The Group was therefore submitting a draft resolution in which the Assembly reiterated its previous requests for

payment and requested the Secretary-General to report to it on the matter at its sixty-eighth session.

11. **The Chair** said that action would be taken on the draft resolution at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.