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The meeting was called to order at 5.40 p.m.

Agenda item 128: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.39)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.39: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

1. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.39 was adopted.*

Agenda item 147: Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.49)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.49: Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

2. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.49 was adopted.*

Agenda item 149: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.52)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.52: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

3. **Mr. Chumakov** (Russian Federation) said that, in keeping with the Committee's practice, the reference to the subject of the report referred to in paragraph 9 of the draft resolution should appear in a footnote rather than in the body of the draft resolution.

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.52, as orally amended, was adopted.*

Agenda item 151: Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.44)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.44: Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

5. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.44 was adopted.*

Agenda item 153: Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.46)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.46: Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

6. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.46 was adopted.*

Agenda item 154: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.35)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.35: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

7. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.35 was adopted.*

Agenda item 155: Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.48)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.48: Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

8. **Mr. Fermín** (Dominican Republic) said that, as agreed in informal consultations, the ninth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution should be deleted.

9. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.48, as orally amended, was adopted.*

Agenda item 156: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.47)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.47: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

10. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.47 was adopted.*

Agenda item 157: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.42)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.42: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

11. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.42 was adopted.*

Agenda item 150: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.51)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.51: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

12. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.51 was adopted.*

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

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.50)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.50: Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

13. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.50 was adopted.*

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

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.37: Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

14. **The Chair** recalled that the Committee had considered the draft resolution at its 33rd meeting, held on 24 May 2013.

15. **Ms. Van Buerle** (Secretary of the Committee) said that, in paragraph 15, the amount “492,622,000” should be inserted in the third line.

16. **Mr. Yanouka** (Israel) said that his Government’s political and financial contributions to United Nations peacekeeping demonstrating its continued commitment to such operations. Israel was proud of its good relations and longstanding cooperation with peacekeeping forces in its region. Nonetheless, his delegation was disappointed, once again, that the draft resolution before the Committee contained politicized language that was unhelpful in supporting peacekeeping operations. Such language had no place in the draft resolution and marred the professional nature, good relations and consensus-building that usually prevailed in the Fifth Committee. The fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 were intended to institutionalize an anti-Israel narrative at the United Nations. Rather than responding to the charges levelled in those paragraphs, his delegation would reserve its political comments for the relevant United Nations forums. It was regrettable that certain Member States had decided to draw the Committee into an unrelated political conflict by proposing language unrelated to the budget of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). He was therefore requesting a vote on the draft resolution and would vote against it. He called on other delegations to express their disapproval of the unconstructive language by doing the same.

17. **The Chair** said that a recorded vote had also been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of the draft resolution.

18. *A recorded vote was taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of the draft resolution.*

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo,

Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Côte d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

19. *The fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.37 were adopted by 83 votes to 3, with 41 abstentions.*

20. **Mr. Mohamad** (Lebanon), speaking in explanation of position, said that the wording of the proposed paragraphs was not political in nature, since they merely called on Israel to comply with previous General Assembly resolutions requesting it to pay reparations to the Organization in the amount of \$1,117,005 for the shelling of the United Nations compound at Qana in 1996, which had destroyed the UNIFIL headquarters, killing 108 Lebanese civilians and injuring scores of others who had sought refuge in the compound. The reparations were entirely earmarked to compensate the United Nations for damage to property; none would go to the Lebanese State or the victims’ families. As the matter was purely financial in

nature and concerned the financing of peacekeeping operations, it was naturally within the purview of the Fifth Committee.

21. *A recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution as a whole, as orally amended.*

In favour:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

22. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.37 as a whole, as orally amended, was adopted by 124 votes to 3.*

23. **Ms. Mannion** (Ireland), speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the

stabilization and association process countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; and, in addition, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, said that the States members of the European Union were concerned at the lack of consensus on the draft resolution and the politicization of the Committee's work. The delegations had abstained during the voting on the fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of the draft resolution in the conviction that the text as drafted was inappropriate in a draft resolution pertaining to the financing of UNIFIL. In April 1996, the General Assembly had discussed the broader political aspects of the events concerned, including the incident at Qana, and adopted resolution 50/22 C. The States members of the European Union had stated their opinion on those political aspects at that time. While they wished that the Committee's deliberations had been confined to the budgetary aspects of the financing of UNIFIL, they had nevertheless voted in favour of the draft resolution as a whole, in order to provide the necessary financing for UNIFIL to fulfil its mandate.

24. **Ms. Norman** (United States of America) said that, while her Government strongly supported UNIFIL, the use of funding resolutions of the General Assembly to pursue claims against a Member State was not procedurally correct. Her delegation had therefore also voted against the resolutions in previous years which called on Israel to pay costs stemming from the incident at Qana; those resolutions had not been adopted by consensus. The procedure followed almost since the founding of the United Nations was for the Secretary-General to present and pursue the settlement of the Organization's claims against a State or States. Using a funding resolution to legislate a settlement was inappropriate and should be avoided, as it politicized the work of the Fifth Committee.

Agenda item 159: Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.43)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.43: Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

25. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.43 was adopted.*

Agenda item 160: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.36)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.36: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

26. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.36 was adopted.*

Agenda item 161: Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic
(continued) (A/C.5/67/L.34)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.34: Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

27. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.34 was adopted.*

Agenda item 162: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
(continued) (A/C.5/67/L.40)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.40: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

28. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.40 was adopted.*

Agenda item 163: Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
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Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.41: Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

29. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.41 was adopted.*

Agenda item 164: Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) (continued)
(A/C.5/67/L.45)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.45: Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

30. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.45 was adopted.*

Agenda item 171: Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.38)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.38: Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

31. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.38 was adopted.*

Agenda item 130: Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (continued)

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/C.5/67/L.55)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.55: Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

32. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.55 was adopted.*

33. **Mr. García Landa** (Mexico) said that his delegation had joined the consensus on the draft resolution in a constructive spirit focused on the welfare of United Nations staff and the smooth implementation of their missions. Nevertheless, it was clear from the budget estimates for the new Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel that special political missions received the type of support from Headquarters and financing that should be given only to traditional peacekeeping operations. The administrative and budgetary rules for special political missions were fundamentally inadequate and that had an adverse effect on the programming of essential activities and on mission governance, accountability and oversight. It should be a priority for Member States to correct those anomalies in order to ensure continuity, certainty, predictability and transparency, as well as the proper management of the Organization.

Agenda item 146: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (continued) (A/C.5/67/L.54)

Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.54: Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

34. *Draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.54 was adopted.*

The meeting was suspended at 6.35 p.m.