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President: Mr. Ismat T. KITTANI (Iraq).

AGENDA ITEM 100

**Proposed programme budget for the
biennium 1982-1983 (concluded)***

**REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (Part II)
(A/36/845/Add.1)**

AGENDA ITEM 110

**Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces
in the Middle East (concluded):****

**(b) Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in
Lebanon: report of the Secretary-General**

**REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (Part III)
(A/36/720/Add.2)**

1. Mr. MARTORELL (Peru), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee (*interpretation from Spanish*): In accordance with the provisions of section XX of General Assembly resolution 36/235 and with the decision taken by the Assembly at its 106th plenary meeting, the Fifth Committee met during the resumed thirty-sixth session to continue consideration of items 100 and 110 (b) of the agenda.

2. Part II of the report of the Fifth Committee on item 100 is contained in document A/36/845/Add.1. The recommendation of the Fifth Committee appears in paragraph 6 of the report and consists of a draft resolution which was adopted by consensus by the Committee.

3. Part III of the report of the Committee on item 110, concerning the financing of UNIFIL, is contained in document A/36/720/Add.2. In paragraph 8, the Committee recommends a draft resolution.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee.

* Resumed from the 105th meeting.

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4. The PRESIDENT: Statements will be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

5. May I remind members that under decision 34/401 the General Assembly agreed that when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee. May I also remind members that in accordance with the same decision explanations of vote should not exceed 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

6. We shall first consider part II of the report of the Fifth Committee on item 100, concerning the consideration of the question of the formulation, presentation, review and approval of programme budgets.

7. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

8. The Committee adopted that draft resolution by consensus. May I take it that the General Assembly also adopts it?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 36/243).

9. The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Algeria for an explanation of vote.

10. Mr. BOUZARBIA (Algeria) (*interpretation from French*): It is my honour to make the following statement on behalf of the Group of 77.

11. The General Assembly has just adopted a decision to continue at its thirty-seventh session the study of the formulation, presentation, review and approval of programme budgets, the subject of the draft resolution submitted by the Group of 77 on 14 December last.

12. The importance and the tremendous relevance of that very subject meant that it was indeed worth while bringing together all the earlier decisions in this area in one single document—decisions which, unfortunately, have only been partly implemented.

13. There is no point in recalling the circumstances surrounding the drafting of that text. The content and scope of the statements made in the Fifth Committee led the Group of 77 to get down to this task and to undertake all the necessary consultations with a view to arriving at a unanimously agreed solution. However, in the short time available we were not able to take a decision before the session was suspended last December.

14. Now, more than before, no doubt—and increasingly every day—it is clear that the draft resolution is a valuable, useful and indispensable tool, and it is a very relevant one today. It is valuable in that it lists all the relevant resolutions and emphasizes concerns which, as I said earlier, have been contained for too long, if not simply ignored. It is useful because it has already been the subject of many consultations and exchanges of view among delegations at the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly and at this resumed session. It is indeed in itself a working document that can facilitate our task in the immediate future. Hence, it is today extremely relevant.

15. The draft resolution is formulated around one key idea: the programme budget. It is quite natural that for the study of a matter that is so complex it was necessary to explore all channels—upstream and downstream—relating to programmes and budgets. That is why guidelines are referred to and measures to be taken by Member States are suggested, in the light of facts and also of events.

16. If the draft resolution is more forceful in some of its provisions, that is because of a certain arbitrary approach shown in some decisions that were taken too hastily to be effective and were not based on any legislative foundation.

17. I do not wish to introduce the draft resolution again; it was already introduced at the appropriate time. I should simply like to say that the Group of 77 is profoundly convinced that the ideas and concepts contained in the draft resolution, particularly those directly relating to programmes and to the budget, must be taken up comprehensively at the next session. That was the approach taken by the Group of 77 when it went along with the consensus. In a spirit of co-operation, open-mindedness and also responsibility, the Group of 77 has already twice agreed to the postponement of a decision on this draft resolution.

18. We are entitled to expect that at the next session this matter of such decisive importance to the proper functioning of the Organization should be dealt with on a priority basis and that meanwhile it should remain an indication and expression of the concern of a very large majority of Member States.

19. I cannot conclude my brief statement without thanking, on behalf of the Group of 77, the Secretary-General, who was good enough to take time from his many tasks to do us the honour of addressing the Fifth Committee on 17 March last.

20. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now consider part III of the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 110, which concerns subitem (b) on the financing of UNIFIL

21. The Assembly will now vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Albania, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam.

Abstaining: Chad, Democratic Yemen, Guinea.

The draft resolution was adopted by 90 votes to 12, with 3 abstentions (resolution 36/138 C).¹

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22. The PRESIDENT: Before I adjourn this meeting I should like to remind the Assembly that there was one other item which we had indicated might be taken up at the resumed session. That item was the one relating to global negotiations and, as I indicated at the 106th meeting when we opened this series of meetings, consultations are still going on in regard to this item.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.

NOTES

¹ The delegation of Mauritius subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.