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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER GROUP IN CENTRAL AMERICA

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Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 644 (1989) of 7 November 1989, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Group in Central America for a period of six months,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Observer Group in Central America with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1/ A/44/246/Add.1

2/ A/44/246/Add.2

Urging all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in full and on time,

Taking into account the nature and the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America,

Recognizing that in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Observer Group in Central America, a different procedure from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations is required,

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 such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America,

Mindful of the views expressed in the Fifth Committee 3/ on the requests of some Member States to change their placement in the existing groups "b", "c" and "d" of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions,

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Decides to appropriate an amount of 40,800,000 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 3,450,000 dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, under the terms of General Assembly resolution 42/227 of 21 December 1987, for the operation of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America from 7 November 1989 to 6 May 1990, inclusive, and request the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Observer Group;

3. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 40,800,000 dollars for the above-mentioned period among the States Members of the United Nations;

4. Decides also that the apportionment of this amount will be effected in accordance with the decision to be taken by the General Assembly, at its forty-fourth session, on the composition of existing groups of Member States, as

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3/ See A/C.5/44/SR.43 and 45-49.

set out by Assembly resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973, for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions;

5. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among the Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 600,000 dollars approved for the above-mentioned period;

6. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure to be established by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Observer Group in Central America is administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy, bearing in mind the relevant observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

8. ides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America".

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