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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS IRAN-IRAQ MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 134 at its 58th meeting, on 18 December 1989. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (A/44/835) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/44/874).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/44/L.14

3. At the 58th meeting, on 18 December 1989, the Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/44/L.14.
4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 6).
5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (see A/C.5/SR.58).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military
Observer Group

The General Assembly,

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

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 619 (1988) of 9 August 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 642 (1989) of 29 September 1989,

Recalling its resolution 42/233 of 17 August 1988 and its subsequent resolution 43/230 of 21 December 1988 on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group 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 Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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

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

1/ A/44/835.

2/ A/44/874.

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 General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963 and other resolutions of the Assembly,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions in cash and in kind have been made to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group by certain Governments,

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, on the basis of the criteria set out in General Assembly resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973,

1. Concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
2. Decides that the authorization provided by its resolution 43/230 for the period from 9 February 1989 to 8 February 1990, inclusive, shall be extended to include the period up to and including 31 March 1990;
3. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 42/233 an amount of 61,678,175 United States dollars gross (60,929,016 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraph 4 of its resolution 43/230 for the period from 9 February 1989 to 30 September 1989, inclusive;
4. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 34,153,825 United States dollars gross (33,738,984 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraph 4 of its resolution 43/230 for the period from 1 October 1989 to 31 March 1990, inclusive;
5. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group at a rate not to exceed 6,401,333 United States dollars gross (6,237,333 dollars net) per month for the six-month period from 1 April 1990 to 30 September 1990, inclusive, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into, should the Security Council decide to continue the Group beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 642 (1989);

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

6. Also authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group at a rate not to exceed 7,068,000 United States dollars gross (6,904,000 dollars net) per month for the six-month period from 1 October 1990 to 31 March 1991, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into, should the Security Council decide to continue the Group beyond 30 September 1990;

7. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, to be adjusted by the decision to be taken by the Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the composition of the four groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" of Member States and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1990 and 1991; 4/

8. Also decides, on an exceptional basis, that the appropriations provided for the first two mandate periods of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, that is, from 9 August 1988 to 30 September 1989, inclusive, be administered as one financial period;

9. Further decides that the special financial period of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group shall be for twelve months, beginning on 1 October of one year and ending on 30 September of the next, effective from 1 October 1989, subject to the renewal of the mandate of the Group by the Security Council;

10. Decides that 10,000,000 United States dollars of the unencumbered balance in respect of the period from the inception of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group on 9 August 1988 to 30 September 1989 shall be credited to Member States against their assessments in respect of such mandate periods as may be approved by the Security Council for the twelve months subsequent to 31 March 1990;

11. Also decides that the remaining 10,117,762 United States dollars of the unencumbered balance shall be retained in the Special Account subject to the review to be undertaken by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as to the level of commitments to be authorized for the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group for the mandate period from 1 April to 30 September 1990, taking into account the status of the receipt of assessed contributions for the period from 1 October 1989 to 31 March 1990, inclusive;

4/ See resolution 43/223.

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, acceptable to the Secretary-General, in cash, in convertible or readily usable currencies, and in the form of supplies and services;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.
