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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING  
OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. On 27 September 1968, at its 1676th plenary meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-third session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of Peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations".
2. The item was referred to the Special Political Committee for consideration and report. The Committee considered it at its 636th to 640th meetings, between 16 and 18 December. One draft resolution was submitted and was subsequently revised.
3. At the 636th meeting, on 16 December, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations introduced the reports of that Committee dated 2 July 1968 (A/7131) and 12 December 1968 (A/7396), which had been submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967. The Chairman of the Special Committee also made a statement.
4. At the 640th meeting, on 18 December, the Chairman referred to a question raised by the representative of Iran at the 636th meeting, on 16 December, namely, that the factual material relating to the military observers, made available to the Working Group of the Special Committee as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the report of the Special Committee (A/7396), might be of interest to some delegations. The Chairman said that there was now an understanding that as soon as the

Secretary-General had made available to the Working Group the additional factual material also mentioned in paragraph 3, appropriate steps would be taken by the Special Committee to make the material available without delay, for information, to any other interested delegations.

5. On 17 December 1968, a draft resolution was submitted by Afghanistan, Algeria, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the United Arab Republic (A/SFC/L.170). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having received and examined the reports of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, (A/7131 and A/7396),

"Mindful of the importance which Member States attach to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

"Noting that the Special Committee has appointed a Working Group for the preparation of working papers for the study which the Special Committee was requested to submit to the General Assembly in accordance with operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 2308 (XXII),

"Noting that the Special Committee has approved, as a first model in the programme of work of its Working Group, a study of the United Nations military observers established or authorized by the Security Council for observation purposes pursuant to Security Council resolutions,

"Noting further from the report of the Special Committee of 12 December 1968 (A/7396), that preliminary work has been undertaken for the preparation of the above-mentioned study,

"1. Requests the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to continue its work under General Assembly resolution 2308 (XXII) including the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of that resolution;

"2. Reiterates its request to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to keep the General Assembly regularly informed about the progress made in the comprehensive review of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects by the Special Committee;

"3. Further requests the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to submit to the General Assembly as soon as possible and not later than its twenty-fourth regular session a comprehensive report on the United Nations military observers established or authorized by the Security Council for observation purposes pursuant to Security Council resolutions;

"4. Transmits to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations the record of the debates at the present session on the item entitled 'Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects' with the request that the suggestions and proposals contained therein be taken into account."

6. On 18 December, a revision of the twelve-Power draft resolution (A/SPC/L.170/Rev.1) was submitted which (1) added the following paragraph before the existing first preambular paragraph: "Recalling its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967 and 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967" and (2) added the following clause at the end of the existing operative paragraph 3: "as well as a progress report on such work as the Special Committee may be able to undertake on any other models of peace-keeping operations".

7. At the 640th meeting, on 18 December, the Special Political Committee voted on the revised draft resolution before it (A/SPC/L.170/Rev.1). The revised draft resolution was adopted by 85 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

8. The Special Political Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967 and 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967,

Having received and examined the reports of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations,<sup>1/</sup>

Mindful of the importance which Member States attach to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

Noting that the Special Committee has appointed a Working Group for the preparation of working papers for the study which the Special Committee was

<sup>1/</sup> A/7131, A/7396.

requested to submit to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 2308 (XXII),

Noting that the Special Committee has approved, as a first model in the programme of work of its Working Group, a study of the United Nations military observers established or authorized by the Security Council for observation purposes pursuant to Security Council resolutions,

Noting further from the report of the Special Committee of 12 December 1968<sup>2/</sup> that preliminary work has been undertaken for the preparation of the above-mentioned study,

1. Requests the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to continue its work under General Assembly resolution 2308 (XXII), including the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of that resolution;

2. Reiterates its request to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to keep the General Assembly regularly informed about the progress made by the Special Committee in the comprehensive review of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects;

3. Further requests the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to submit to the General Assembly as soon as possible, and not later than its twenty-fourth session, a comprehensive report on the United Nations military observers established or authorized by the Security Council for observation purposes pursuant to Security Council resolutions, as well as a progress report on such work as the Special Committee may be able to undertake on any other models of peace-keeping operations;

4. Transmits to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations the records of the debates at the present session on the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects", with the request that the suggestions and proposals contained therein be taken into account.

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