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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. The item "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/114 of 18 December 1978.
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee.
3. The Special Political Committee considered the item at its 21st to 24th meetings, between 5 and 7 November. The Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/34/592), submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/106 of 15 December 1977.
4. At the 23rd meeting, on 6 November, the Chairman presented for consideration a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.15) which had been prepared following informal consultations.
5. At its 24th meeting, on 7 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.15 by consensus (see para. 6).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

6. The Special Political Committee 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, 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, 2451 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2670 (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2835 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 2965 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3091 (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3239 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3457 (XXX) of 10 December 1975, 31/105 of 15 December 1976, 32/106 of 15 December 1977 and 33/114 of 18 December 1978,

Reaffirming once again the fundamental importance of the maintenance of international peace and security by the United Nations as set out in the Charter,

Having examined the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and the report submitted to the Special Committee by its Working Group, 1/

Concerned at the lack of progress during the past year towards the completion of agreed guidelines for conducting peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and towards agreement concerning specific questions related to their practical implementation,

Emphasizing again that only by greater demonstration of political will and conciliation can such progress be achieved,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations;
2. Repeats its invitations to Member States to report and to provide information on experience gained in peace-keeping operations;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a further compilation of the aforementioned replies;
4. Urges again the Special Committee to expedite its work for an early completion of agreed guidelines which will govern the conduct of peace-keeping operations of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter and to devote attention to specific questions related to the practical implementation of peace-keeping operations;
5. Requests the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects".

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