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Agenda item 140

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546/Add.1)]


The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force\(^1\) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\(^3\)


Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/20 A of 2 November 1998,

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Reaffirming that the costs of the Force 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,

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

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 such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 12.2 million United States dollars, representing 8.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 28 February 1999, notes that some 26 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

¹ A/53/958.
7. Decides to reduce the appropriation provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/245 of 26 June 1998 and 53/20 A in the amount of 50,053,745 dollars gross (48,751,045 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, for the maintenance of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to the amount of 43,062,700 dollars gross (42,004,600 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account;


9. 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 Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 189,634 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

10. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 6,895,700 dollars gross (6,310,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

11. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 6,895,700 dollars gross (6,310,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

12. Decides further to appropriate the amount of 183,730 dollars gross (166,330 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999, inclusive of the amount of 9,305 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,825 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force 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 and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force”.

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