

Forces on a current basis, particularly those due to the Governments of troop-contributing States,

Recalling its resolutions 33/13 E of 14 December 1978, 34/7 D of 17 December 1979 and 35/45 B of 1 December 1980,

Recognizing that, in consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to the full extent to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Forces,

Concerned that the application of the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations would aggravate the already difficult financial situation of the Forces,

Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the amount of \$2,694,446, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in the account referred to in the operative part of General Assembly resolution 33/13 E and held in suspense until a further decision is taken by the Assembly.

*77th plenary meeting
30 November 1981*

36/116. Financial emergency of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations¹⁴ adopted by the General Assembly on 1 September 1965,¹⁵

Reaffirming the collective responsibility of Member States for the financial security of the United Nations,

1. *Notes* that the rate of assessment of China for the period from 25 October 1971 to 31 December 1973 had been established at 4 per cent and for the period 1974 to 1979 inclusive at 5.5 per cent, whereas after national income and related data became available, the rate was established at 1.62 per cent for 1980-1982;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to compute and transfer to a special account the balance of the assessed contributions due from China between 25 October 1971 and 31 December 1981 in respect of peace-keeping operations;

3. *Welcomes* the understanding that as from 1 January 1982 China will contribute its share of assessed expenses for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon;

4. *Decides*, in the light of the special circumstances, that the question of the applicability of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations in respect of the unpaid assessment referred to in paragraph 2 above shall not be raised.

*93rd plenary meeting
10 December 1981*

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes*, annex No. 21, document A/5916.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, *Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/5815)*, p. 11.

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,¹⁶ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁷

Recalling its resolutions 3049 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, 3538 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, 32/104 of 14 December 1977 and 35/113 of 10 December 1980,

Noting with concern the continuing increase in the short-term deficit of the Organization,

Bearing in mind that a partial or interim solution of parts of the problem could enhance the liquidity of the Organization and might facilitate the achievement of further progress towards a comprehensive settlement, which is desired by all Member States,

Concerned that delays in the payment of assessed contributions by Member States exacerbate the financial difficulties of the Organization,

Reaffirming the resolve of Member States to achieve a comprehensive and lasting solution to the financial problems of the Organization,

Convinced that in the circumstances an appropriate increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund is required to assure the Organization's ability to meet on a current basis the expenditure needs of the regular budget.

1. *Decides* to accept the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that:

(a) The Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1982-1983 be established in the amount of \$100 million;

(b) The provisions of regulations 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations be suspended in respect of the surpluses arising at the end of the 1980-1981 and 1982-1983 bienniums;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give effect to the decision in paragraph 1 above in the formulation of the relevant draft resolutions to be submitted under the agenda item on the programme budget;

3. *Urges* all Member States to review their pattern of payment of contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations with a view to paying future contributions in good time in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations to keep the financial situation of the Organization under review and to report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session:

(a) A progress report on the status of the project on the issuance of the special postage stamps;

(b) Detailed information relating to the extent, rate of increase and composition of the deficit of the Organization and to voluntary contributions received from Member States and other sources;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations: report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations".

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¹⁶ A/C.5/36/28 and Corr.1-3.

¹⁷ A/36/701.