RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/970)]

50/234. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/


Recalling also its resolution 49/245 of 12 July 1995 on the financing of the Observation Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observation Mission that are not covered by voluntary contributions 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 further its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, 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

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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,

**Expressing its appreciation** for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

**Mindful** of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 22,761,490 United States dollars, representing 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observation Mission to the period ending 30 April 1996, notes that some 34 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 the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. **Expresses its continued appreciation** for the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

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

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

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

6. **Endorses** the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. **Decides** to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 21,742,800 dollars gross (19,129,200 dollars net) authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 49/245 for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;

9. **Decides also** to appropriate the amount of 52,141,900 dollars gross (50,071,000 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 1,396,500 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, two-thirds share of this amount, equivalent to 33,380,667 dollars, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

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11. **Decides** 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 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,070,900 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. **Decides also** that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 6,917,700 dollars gross (7,816,700 dollars net) for the period ending 31 October 1993;

13. **Decides further** that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 6,917,700 dollars gross (7,816,700 dollars net) for the period ending 31 October 1993 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

14. **Invites** voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission 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 established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

15. **Decides** to keep the sub-item entitled "United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission", under the agenda item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)", under review during its fiftieth session.