- 12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Military Observer Group, acceptable to the Secretary-General, in cash, in convertible or readily usable currencies and in the form of supplies and services;
- 13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Military Observer Group is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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44/190. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission⁴³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.⁴⁴

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission for a period of thirty-one months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Verification Mission 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.

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

Recognizing that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Verification Mission, a different procedure is required from the one 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 in the financing of such operations, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963,

Mindful of the views expressed in the Fifth Committee⁴ on the requests of some Member States to change their placement in the existing groups "b", "c" and "d" of Member States, on the basis of the criteria set out in General Assembly resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973.

- 1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴⁴
- 2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission in full and on time;
- 3. Decides, taking into account the outstanding assessed contributions due to the Special Account of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, to defer any

action on the estimated unencumbered balance of the appropriations as may be called for until its forty-fifth session;

- 4. Decides also to appropriate an amount of 5,826,400 United States dollars for the operations of the Verification Mission from 3 January 1990 to 2 January 1991, inclusive;
- 5. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 5,826,400 dollars for the abovementioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, to be adjusted by the decision to be taken by the Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the composition of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" of Member States⁵ and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991;6
- 6. 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 the Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 210,000 dollars approved for the above-mentioned period;
- 7. Invites voluntary contributions to the Verification Mission both 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 to be established by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;⁷
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Verification Mission is administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy, bearing in mind the relevant observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" and to request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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44/191. Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989,

Reaffirming the direct and legal responsibility of the United Nations for Namibia until independence, as indicated in its resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and its subsequent relevant resolutions on the question of Namibia,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Assistance Group for a period of up to twelve months, as well as Council resolutions 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and 632 (1989) of 16 February 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Group⁴⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁶

⁴³ A/44/877.

⁴⁴ A/44/881.

⁴⁵ A/44/856. ⁴⁶ A/44/875.

Taking note, in particular, of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report of the Secretary-General and paragraphs 10, 12 and 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee,

Recognizing that the costs of the Group 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.

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 the Group,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

Concerned that, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General, assessments totalling approximately 94.6 million United States dollars remain uncollected,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Group,

- 1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:⁴⁶
- 2. Urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in full and on time;
- 3. Approves the request of the Secretary-General that he proceed with the disposition of the property of the Group upon completion of its mandate in the manner set out in annex III, paragraph 4, to his report⁴⁵ and paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 4. Decides that the costs associated with the liquidation of the Group and the closing of the accounts, amounting to 6,469,000 dollars gross (5,625,000 dollars net), shall be met from the appropriations made available by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/232;
- 5. Also decides, taking into account the outstanding assessed contributions due to the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group, to defer any action on the estimated unencumbered balance of the appropriations as may be called for until its forty-fifth session;
- 6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Group is administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy, bearing in mind the relevant observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group";
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-fifth session, a detailed performance report on the budget of the Group, in accordance with the observations made by the Advisory Committee in its report, in particular those made in paragraphs 7 and 8 thereof.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/230 of 21 December 1988 on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group and its decision 43/455 of 21 December 1988 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Recalling also its resolution 44/49 of 8 December 1989 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

Recognizing the mutual relevance of the work of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and the work done by the Fifth Committee in connection with matters relating to peace-keeping operations,

Having considered with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,⁴⁷ on the review of the background and development of reimbursement to Member States contributing troops to peace-keeping operations⁴⁸ and on voluntary contributions of supplies and services,⁴⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁰

Bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States on those reports at its forty-fourth session,

Recognizing that each peace-keeping operation has special characteristics, which thus calls for flexibility in addressing the administrative requirements of each operation

Recognizing also that all necessary action should be taken to ensure that peace-keeping operations are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy,

Bearing in mind the significant increase in United Nations peace-keeping activities and the resulting increased demands on the human, material and financial resources of the Organization and of Member States,

Noting that, as a result of the recent expansion in peace-keeping activities, an absorptive capacity in respect of trained and experienced United Nations staff members with the technical skills required in peace-keeping operations is no longer available,

Taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee on the need for greater co-ordination among the various Secretariat units involved in preparing and managing peace-keeping operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide peacekeeping operations with the necessary financial resources, especially those essential for the start-up of such operations, to enable them to fulfil their mandates in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Aware of the extremely difficult financial situation of the existing peace-keeping operations and of the heavy burden on troop-contributing States,

Emphasizing the need to ensure a secure and sound financial basis for peace-keeping operations,

⁴⁷ A/44/605.

⁴⁸ A/44/605/Add.1

⁴⁹ A/44/624. ⁵⁰ A/44/725.