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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 am.

Agenda item 120: Financial reports and audited statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (continued)

(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.64)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.64

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.64, which had been submitted on his behalf by the representative of Egypt.

2. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.64 was adopted.*

Agenda item 121: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.85)

Draft decision A/C.5/56/L.85

3. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft decision A/C.5/56/L.85, which was of a purely procedural nature.

4. *Draft decision A/C.5/56/L.85 was adopted.*

Agenda item 122: Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (continued)

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Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.63

5. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.63, which had been submitted by the representative of Ukraine and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

6. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.63 was adopted.*

Agenda item 123: Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (continued)

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and ad litem of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.62)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.62

7. **Mr. Kandanga** (Namibia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.62.

8. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.62 was adopted.*

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.83)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.83

9. **Mr. Tilemans** (Belgium) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.83.

10. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.83 was adopted.*

Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.86)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.86

11. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.86, which had been submitted on his behalf by the representative of Sweden.

12. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.86 was adopted.*

Implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/242 (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.92)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.92

13. **Mr. Ho** (Singapore) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.92.

14. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.92 was adopted.*

15. **Mr. Nakkari** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that a number of requests were made of the Secretary-General in the draft resolution just adopted. In particular, he was requested, in paragraph 4 (c), to

delay the implementation of certain non-substantive activities within the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the Department of Management. He trusted that the Secretary-General would be ready to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of that paragraph. He also looked forward to the submission of the proposals for reprogramming the activities of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the Department of Management related to conference and support services, as requested in paragraph 4 (d).

Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.93)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.93

16. **Mr. Ivashchenko** (Ukraine), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.93.

17. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.93 was adopted.*

18. **Mr. Halbwachs** (Controller) said that, in the draft resolution just adopted, the Secretary-General was requested to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee, without adversely affecting other conference services, and to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-seventh session on the expenditures as well as programmatic impacts incurred in supporting the Counter-Terrorism Committee as a result of the draft resolution. It was anticipated that, in order to provide the services specified, additional expenditure over and above the existing appropriation would need to be incurred before the end of the calendar year. The Secretariat intended to encumber the necessary funds by utilizing the resources that had been earmarked for the servicing of meetings in the calendar year 2003. The draft resolution would thus be treated as de facto commitment authority. The additional expenditure incurred in 2002 in servicing the Counter-Terrorism Committee would be reflected in the first performance report for the biennium 2002-2003.

Agenda item 133: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (continued)

Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.76)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.76

19. **Mr. Chandra** (India) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.76.

20. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.76 was adopted.*

Progress in the implementation of the field assets control system: a module of the field mission logistics system (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.77)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.77

21. **Mr. Bhattarai** (Nepal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.77.

22. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.77 was adopted.*

Instances for which the United Nations is entitled to restitution as the result of non-compliance with status-of-forces or other agreements (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.84)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.84

23. **Mr. Orr** (Canada), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.84.

24. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.84 was adopted.*

The concept of strategic deployment stocks and its implementation (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.87)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.87

25. **Mr. Chandra** (India) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.87.

26. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.87 was adopted.*

Support account for peacekeeping operations (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.91)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.91

27. **Mr. Orr** (Canada), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.91.

28. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.91 was adopted.*

Support account for peacekeeping operations and financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (continued) (A/C.5/56/45)

29. **Mr. Halbwachs** (Controller), introducing the note by the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations and financing of the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi, Italy (A/C.5/56/45), said that the amounts to be apportioned in respect of each peacekeeping mission, including the prorated share of the support account and of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, were set out in the annex to the document.

30. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee wished to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat in document A/C.5/56/45.

31. *It was so decided.*

32. **Mr. Nakkari** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that the Committee, and the General Assembly, must approve the amounts set out in the annex to the document; the phrase "take note" implied neither approval, nor disapproval.

Write-off of contingent-owned equipment at liquidated missions (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.94)

Draft decision A/C.5/56/L.94

33. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft decision A/C.5/56/L.94.

34. *Draft decision A/C.5/56/L.94 was adopted.*

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.95)

Draft decision A/C.5/56/L.95

35. **Mr. Orr** (Canada), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.95.

36. *Draft decision A/C.5/56/L.95 was adopted.*

Agenda item 134: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (continued)

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.72)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.72

37. **Mr. Bhattarai** (Nepal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.72.

38. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.72 was adopted.*

39. **Mr. Nakkari** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that his delegation attached great importance to enhancing the conditions of service of the local staff of the Force. He trusted that the Secretariat would implement the provisions of the draft resolution, particularly paragraph 10, without delay.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.70)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70

40. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70, which had been submitted by the representative of Venezuela on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The draft resolution had been introduced at the Committee's fifty-sixth meeting.

41. **Mr. Wittmann** (United States of America) expressed regret that it had not been possible to achieve a consensus on the text of the draft resolution. While his delegation strongly supported the Force, it objected to the use of a funding resolution to pursue claims against a Member State. The fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 contained language that violated the principle of collective responsibility for the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, which was unacceptable to his delegation. It therefore wished to request a recorded vote in one block on those paragraphs.

42. *At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote in one block was taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and on paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of the draft resolution.*

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam,

Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

43. *The fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70 were adopted by 74 votes to 2, with 36 abstentions.*

44. **Mr. Wittmann** (United States of America) said that, for the reasons cited previously, his delegation was not in a position to support the draft resolution and requested that a recorded vote should be taken on the draft text as a whole.

45. *At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution as a whole.*

In favour:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile,

China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

46. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70 as a whole was adopted by 110 votes to 2.*

47. **Mr. Pulido** (Venezuela), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China in explanation of vote, expressed support for the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and hoped that the draft resolution just adopted would be implemented.

48. **Mr. Soto** (Spain), speaking on behalf of the European Union, the associated countries Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey and, in addition, Liechtenstein, recalled that its position on the costs of the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996 was that the resulting costs were specific in nature and that voluntary contributions to offset them would be welcome. Costs should be kept within budget and the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations should remain a collective responsibility. The European Union had abstained from the vote on preambular paragraph 4 and paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of the draft resolution, as it had considered those paragraphs inappropriate in a draft resolution on the financing of UNIFIL. The broader political aspects had

been discussed in the General Assembly and the European Union had expressed its position clearly at that time. It would have preferred the discussions in the Fifth Committee to be limited to the financial and budgetary aspects of the question.

49. **Mr. Fox** (Australia), speaking also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand, said that those delegations were pleased that the adoption of the draft resolution provided for the necessary continuation of the financing of UNIFIL, but were concerned that the paragraphs voted separately contained political elements inappropriate for a financing resolution. They had therefore abstained in that vote. The paragraphs in question undermined longstanding budgetary principles on the financing of peacekeeping operations based on collective responsibility. Fewer than 15 per cent of Member States had met their financial obligations to UNIFIL and Member States were therefore urged to pay their assessed contributions without delay.

50. **Mr. Yamanaka** (Japan) said that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution as a whole because of the responsibility of Member States to ensure the financing of peacekeeping operations. It regretted, however, that it had not been possible to reach consensus.

51. **Mr. Diab** (Lebanon) said that his delegation thanked those Member States which had voted in favour of the resolution and for the specific paragraphs calling on Israel to pay compensation to Lebanon for the damage incurred in the incident at Qana, in particular the destruction of the United Nations compound. That aggression had been carried out deliberately by an occupying force. Israel must bear the consequences of its actions; it was unacceptable for the United Nations to bear the cost for such an incident. He also expressed thanks to UNIFIL for its efforts to protect Lebanese civilians.

52. **Mr. Chaudhry** (Pakistan) said that, had his delegation been present, it would have voted in favour of the block of paragraphs and the draft resolution as a whole.

Agenda item 135: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
(continued) (A/C.5/56/L.65)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.65

53. **Ms. Wahab** (Indonesia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.65 on behalf of the Chairman.

54. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.65 was adopted.*

Agenda item 136: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor
(continued) (A/C.5/56/L.78)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.78

55. **Mr. Kendall** (Argentina) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.78.

56. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.78 was adopted.*

Agenda item 137: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (continued)
(A/C.5/56/L.66)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.66

57. **Mr. Kendall** (Argentina) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.66.

58. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.66 was adopted.*

Agenda item 138: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (continued)
(A/C.5/56/L.80)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.80

59. **Mr. Peixoto** (Brazil) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.80.

60. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.80 was adopted.*

Agenda item 139: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)
(continued)

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.67)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.67

61. **Mr. Bouheddou** (Algeria) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.67.

62. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.67 was adopted.*

Agenda item 141: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.68)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.68

63. **Mr. Wins** (Uruguay), Rapporteur, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.68.

64. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.68 was adopted.*

65. **Mr. Yamanaka** (Japan), speaking in explanation of position, said that the draft resolution just adopted had included a paragraph expressing appreciation to those Member States which had paid their assessed contributions "on time". His delegation was of the view, however, that, instead of discouraging them, the General Assembly should encourage Member States to make their contributions, regardless of the timing. It had joined the consensus on the draft resolution on the understanding that it did not devalue any contribution because of its timing.

Agenda item 142: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
(continued) (A/C.5/56/L.81)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.81

66. **Ms. Aguinaldo** (Philippines) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.81.

67. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.81 was adopted.*

Agenda item 144: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (continued)
(A/C.5/56/L.88)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.88

68. **Mr. Fox** (Australia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.88.

69. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.88 was adopted.*

Agenda item 146: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (continued)
(A/C.5/56/L.89)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.89

70. **Mr. Fox** (Australia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.89.

71. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.89 was adopted.*

Agenda item 147: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.79)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.79

72. **Mr. Fox** (Australia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.79.

73. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.79 was adopted.*

Agenda item 149: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (continued)
(A/C.5/56/L.69)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.69

74. **Ms. Baranska** (Poland) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.69.

75. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.69 was adopted.*

Agenda item 150: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (continued)
(A/C.5/56/L.71)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.71

76. **Ms. Baranska** (Poland) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.71.

77. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.71 was adopted.*

Agenda item 151: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.74)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.74

78. **Mr. Tilemans** (Belgium) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.74.

79. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.74 was adopted.*

Agenda item 154: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.73)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.73

80. **Mr. Fox** (Australia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.73.

81. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.73 was adopted.*

Agenda item 155: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.90)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.90

82. **Mr. Fox** (Australia) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.90.

83. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.90 was adopted.*

Agenda item 156: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.75)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.75

84. **Mr. Tilemans** (Belgium) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.75.

85. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.75 was adopted.*

Agenda item 158: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (continued) (A/C.5/56/L.82)

Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.82

86. **Mr. Wins** (Uruguay), Rapporteur, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.82.

87. *Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.82 was adopted.*

Completion of the work of the Fifth Committee at the second part of the resumed fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly

88. *The Chairman declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee at the second part of the resumed fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly.*

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.