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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION UGANDA-RWANDA

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda items 127 and 130, entitled, respectively, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda" and "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda", appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/49/687 and Add.1.
2. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/49/375/Add.1-3) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/501/Add.1) on the question.
3. The Committee considered the items at its 57th, 60th and 62nd meetings, on 19 and 28 June and 7 July 1995. At its 62nd meeting, on 7 July, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement and informed the Committee of the observations of the Advisory Committee on the report of the Secretary-General containing the financial performance report for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda for the period from 5 April to 9 December 1994 (A/49/375/Add.3).
4. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the oral observations of the Advisory Committee on that performance report.

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.57, 60 and 62).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.59

6. At the 62nd meeting, on 7 July, the representative of Portugal introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" (A/C.5/49/L.59), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.59 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 846 (1993) of 22 June 1993 and 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993, by which the Council established, respectively, the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda, as well as the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Assistance Mission, the most recent of which was resolution 997 (1995) of 9 June 1995,

Recalling also its resolution 48/245 of 5 April 1994 on the financing of the Observer Mission, and its resolutions 48/248 of 5 April 1994 and 49/20 of 29 November 1994 and its decisions 48/479 A of 23 December 1993, 48/479 B of 14 September 1994 and 49/481 of 6 April 1995, on the financing of the Assistance Mission,

1/ A/49/375/Add.1-3.

2/ A/49/501/Add.1.

Reaffirming that the costs of the Assistance 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,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Assistance 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 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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Assistance 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 Assistance Mission for Rwanda as at 16 June 1995, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 66,539,201 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop- and equipment-contributing countries, due to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Assistance Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and urges the Secretary-General to take the recommendations into account in the management of this operation and the formulation of future budget proposals;

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

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda a total amount of 143,417,100 dollars gross (141,461,900 dollars net) for the operation of the Assistance Mission for the period from 10 December 1994 to 9 June 1995, inclusive of the commitment authority of 60 million dollars gross (58,542,300 dollars net) authorized under

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the provisions of General Assembly resolution 49/20 and 80 million dollars gross (79,502,500 dollars net) authorized under the provisions of Assembly decision 49/481;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 83,417,100 dollars gross (82,919,600 dollars net) for the period from 10 December 1994 to 9 June 1995, taking into account the amount of 30 million dollars gross (29,271,150 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/20 and 30 million dollars gross (29,271,150 net) already apportioned in accordance with Assembly decision 49/481 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 10,083,386 dollars gross (10,023,248 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is 73,333,714 dollars gross (72,896,352 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 9 June 1995;

8. 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 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 497,500 dollars approved for the period from 10 December 1994 to 9 June 1995, 60,137 dollars being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 437,363 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 9 June 1995;

9. Decides, as an interim measure, pending presentation of the revised cost estimate by the Secretary-General and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda a total amount of 109,951,900 dollars gross (107,584,300 dollars net) for the operation of the Assistance Mission for the period from 10 June to 31 December 1995;

10. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 99,628,200 dollars gross (97,508,000 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Assistance Mission for the period from 10 June to 8 December 1995 in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), 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 2,120,200 dollars approved for the period from 10 June to 8 December 1995;

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/19 B.

12. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance for the period from 5 April to 9 December 1994, the exact amount to be determined by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions no later than 14 July 1995;

13. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of Security Council resolution 997 (1995), to submit to the General Assembly, no later than 31 October 1995, revised budget proposals for the periods from 10 June to 31 December 1995 and from 1 January to 30 June 1996;

14. Invites voluntary contributions to the Assistance 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 include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".
