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Fifty-sixth session Agenda item 131

> Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 131 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/56/730 and Corr.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 43rd, 44th and 53rd meetings, on 5, 6 and 19 March 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.43, 44 and 53).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of internal oversight services at the International Tribunals for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/C.5/56/30/Add.1). At the 43rd meeting, the Committee heard a related oral report by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/56/SR.43).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.50

4. At the 53rd meeting, on 19 March, the representative of Norway and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" (A/C.5/56/L.50), and orally revised operative paragraph 7 by replacing the figures as

follows: "248,925,700 dollars gross (223,323,800 dollars net)" was replaced by "248,926,200 dollars gross (223,169,800 dollars net)".

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.50, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

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

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991,¹

Having also considered the revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of internal oversight services at the International Tribunals for the biennium 2002-2003,²

Having further considered the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

Recalling its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/247 of 24 December 2001,

1. *Reaffirms* the provisions contained in its resolution 56/247, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Decides to approve the staffing table for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, except that there shall be no additional trial preparatory team, as described in paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Committee in the annual performance report on the impact of this arrangement;

¹ A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

² A/C.5/56/30 and Add.1.

³ A/56/665 and A/56/717; see also A/C.5/56/SR.43.

 $^{^{4}}$ A/56/665.

4. *Decides also* to approve resources for the continuation of oversight functions at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the remainder of the biennium 2002-2003 in the amount of 430,300 United States dollars gross (312,700 dollars net);

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to address accountability, management and efficiency problems at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and to report to the General Assembly on the measures taken;

6. *Regrets* the delay in the issuance of the comprehensive report on the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and reiterates the request for the submission of the report for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

7. *Decides* on a revised appropriation for the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia of a total amount of 248,926,200 dollars gross (223,169,800 dollars net) for the biennium 2002-2003;

8. *Decides* to review assessments at its fifty-seventh session in the context of the annual performance report.