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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

Report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations

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1. The General Assembly, at its thirty-fifth session, following consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/35/532) adopted resolution 35/121 of 11 December 1980. In paragraphs 4 and 5 of that resolution, the Assembly urged again the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, to renew its efforts to work towards the completion of agreed guidelines which would govern the conduct of peace-keeping operations of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and to devote further attention to specific questions related to the practical implementation of peace-keeping operations, and requested the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

2. The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations held three meetings, on 17 July, 6 and 26 August 1981.

3. At its 82nd meeting, on 17 July, the Special Committee requested its officers to serve for a further term of one year.

4. The 83rd meeting of the Special Committee was convened on 6 August in order to discuss and elaborate the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly. The Committee had before it document A/AC.121/34 which contained observations received by the Secretary-General from Member States in pursuance of paragraph 3 of resolution 35/121.

5. At its 84th meeting, on 26 August, the Special Committee considered its report to the General Assembly.

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6. It has been evident that long-standing basic differences remain and that the task before the Committee will continue to be a difficult one, owing to the fundamental nature of the issues with which the Special Committee is faced. In spite of the difficulty, it is believed that the importance of the issues is such that the mandate of the Special Committee should be reneved.
