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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-sixth session, following consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/36/469), adopted resolution 36/37 of 18 November 1981. 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 Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.
2. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 37/93 in which it reaffirmed the mandate given to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations by relevant Assembly resolutions.
3. The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations held three meetings, on 23 June, 1 August and 1 September 1983.
4. At its 85th meeting, on 23 June, the Special Committee requested its officers to serve for a further term of one year.
5. At its 86th meeting, on 1 August, the Special Committee agreed to authorize its Working Group to discuss and elaborate on the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

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6. In accordance with this directive, the Working Group held two meetings, on 17 and 29 August, under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Special Committee. In addition to members of the Working Group, those meetings were also attended by representatives of some of the other members of the Special Committee which are not members of the Working Group. This practice should be followed in any future deliberations of the Working Group. The Rapporteur submitted for the consideration of the Working Group an informal working paper, including a suggested organization of work for the Special Committee. A number of members expressed their views; however, no consensus was reached on the matter.

7. At the 87th meeting of the Special Committee, on 1 September, the Rapporteur informed the Committee that, in spite of the extensive discussions and consultations on the organization of work of the Committee and the ways of implementing the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions, the Working Group had not been able to reach an agreed recommendation to the Committee.

8. Also at its 87th meeting, the Special Committee considered its report to the General Assembly.

9. It is believed that the importance of the issues is such that the United Nations should continue to work for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects. Some members were of the view that the present state of affairs of the Committee's work requires reactivation so as to overcome existing difficulties facing the Committee and that the Committee's mandate should be renewed. Other members were of the view that the question of the renewal of the mandate should be decided upon by the General Assembly.
