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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING  
OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTSReport of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations

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1, At its forty-second session, following consideration of the report of the Special Political Committee (A/42/813), the General Assembly adopted resolution 42/161 of 8 December 1987. In the second preambular paragraph of that resolution, the Assembly expressed the conviction that the United Nations peace-keeping operations are an integral component of enhancing the efficiency of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in accordance with its mandate, to resume its work in 1988 for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects with a view to strengthening the role of the United Nations in that field, taking into account the difficult financial situation of peace-keeping operations, and requested the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its forty-third session,

2, The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations held two meetings, on 10 February and 25 August 1988.

3. At its 88th meeting, on 10 February, the Special Committee decided to entrust the Bureau with the task of undertaking informal consultations in order to explore the possibility of identifying areas of general agreement, where progress might be possible, as well as to help find ideas. It was also decided that these informal consultations should follow the past practice of the Committee and that the mandate given to the Special Committee in resolution 42/161 should be addressed. It was

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understood that the consultations would encompass the views expressed during the meeting on the substance of the Committee's work and that the result would be reported to the Special Committee.

4. Six sessions of informal consultations were held between 30 March and 22 August 1988.

5. After extensive deliberations and exchanges of views on the mandate of the Special Committee, various proposals and suggestions for consideration were put forward during the course of the informal consultations. The Chairmen indicated that some delegations had submitted ideas regarding agenda items for the Special Committee, including the financial aspect of peace-keeping operations.

6. Consultations included consideration and discussion of the following issues: financial aspects of peace-keeping operations; United Nations publications on peace-keeping operations; compilation of a registry containing information on the availability of troops; and provisions of logistical assistance for peace-keeping operations.

7. At its 89th meeting, on 25 August, the Special Committee considered and adopted its report to the General Assembly.

8. The Special Committee recommends that the General Assembly consider the renewal of its mandate so that it continue its efforts towards the completion of its work for submission to the Assembly.

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