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In the absence of the President, Mr. Mortensen (Denmark), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT: I request the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, Mrs. Flor Maria de Rodriguez of Venezuela, to introduce the reports of the Fifth Committee.

Mrs. de RODRIGUEZ (Venezuela), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee (interpretation from Spanish): As Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee I have the honour to appear before the General Assembly to introduce 17 draft resolutions. I shall begin by presenting the Committee's report on agenda item 12, Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/43/945).

In paragraph 4 of the report, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision that takes note of chapters I, IV, (sect. E) V, VI, (sects. C and D), VII and VIII, of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

At its fortieth session, the General Assembly had studied the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 17, "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments". Under agenda item 17 (b), "Appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions", I should like to draw the Assembly's attention to document A/43/921/Add.1, and to the Committee's recommendation on this question, which appears in paragraph 4 of that document.

In paragraph 8 of its report (A/43/955) under agenda item 117, "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency", the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of two draft decisions.

(Mrs. de Rodriguez, Rapporteur,
Fifth Committee)

The remaining reports relate to substantive items that the General Assembly assigned to the Fifth Committee. I shall begin with the report (A/43/951) under item 49, "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations". In paragraph 9 the Committee has recommended to the General Assembly, without a vote, the adoption of two draft resolutions. As to the first draft resolution, the Committee adopted its decision on the understanding that resolution A/43/50 H and its administrative and financial consequences leave without effect the recommendation of the Committee for Programme Co-ordination, contained in paragraph 84 of its report, to which reference is made in paragraph 17 of the resolution.

With respect to agenda item 50, "Current financial crisis of the United Nations", and item 116, "Financial emergency of the United Nations", the recommendations of the Committee appear in documents A/43/952 and A/43/953, respectively. In paragraph 7 of each of these reports the Committee has recommended, without a vote, the adoption of a draft resolution.

In paragraph 8 of the Committee's report on item 113 (A/43/803), "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors the Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt a draft resolution adopted by the Committee without a vote.

With respect to the Fifth Committee report (A/43/980) under item 114, "Programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989", I should like to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 51 and 52, which contain two draft resolutions and a decision adopted by the Committee without a vote.

Paragraph 8 of the Committee's report (A/43/979) under agenda item 115, "Programme planning", contains a draft resolution adopted by the Committee without a vote.

(Mrs. de Rodriguez, Rapporteur,
Fifth Committee)

I now present the Committee's reports on item 124, "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)". The reports appear in documents A/43/956 and A/43/957, respectively.

(Mrs. de Rodriguez, Rapporteur,
Fifth Committee)

The draft resolution on UNDOF, appearing in paragraph 6 of the report in document A/43/956, was adopted by the Committee without a vote. The draft resolution relating to UNIFIL, appearing in paragraph 6 of the report in document A/43/957, was adopted by the Committee by 103 votes to 1, with 7 abstentions. The Fifth Committee recommends that the Assembly adopt both draft resolutions.

In its report (A/43/978) on agenda item 147, "Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, the Committee recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution that appears in paragraph 6 of that document. It recommends also the adoption of the draft decision in paragraph 7. Both the resolution and the decision were adopted in the Fifth Committee without a vote.

In its report (A/43/738) on agenda item 18, "Joint Inspection Unit", the Fifth Committee, recommends the General Assembly's adoption of the draft resolution in paragraph 8, which it adopted without a vote. Paragraph 9 of that report contains a draft decision, which was also adopted without a vote.

The report in document A/43/963 relates to agenda item 119, "Pattern of Conferences". At its forty-sixth meeting the Committee adopted without a vote draft resolutions A, C, D and E. Draft resolution B, which also appears in paragraph 16, was given extensive consideration. In a recorded vote, paragraph 2 of that draft was adopted by 89 votes to 13, with 7 abstentions. In paragraph 16 of the report of the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of five draft resolutions. With respect to draft resolution B the Committee decided by 78 votes to 14, with 15 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that it had adopted the draft resolution on the understanding that none of the provisions of subparagraph 4 (c) of the draft should be interpreted as any concession to the Committee on Conferences of any budgetary function or of any authority to invalidate decisions on programmes, meetings or conferences with

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Fifth Committee)

respect to which the legislative bodies of the United Nations had duly taken decisions. The Committee adopted the resolution as a whole by 91 votes to 3, with 13 abstentions.

The report on agenda item 120, "Scale of Assessments for the Apportionment of the Expenses of the United Nations", appears in document A/43/981. At its fifty-first meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted a draft resolution on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations. In paragraph 5 of the report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly do so too. The decision of the Fifth Committee on this important issue was adopted without a vote.

In its report (A/43/954) on agenda item 121, "Personnel Questions", the Fifth Committee recommends, without having taken a vote, that the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution in paragraph 14, as well as the draft decision in paragraph 15.

In paragraph 9 of its report (A/43/977) on agenda item 122, "United Nations Common System", the Fifth Committee recommends, without having taken a vote, the adoption of the draft resolution on this item.

Lastly, in paragraph 8 of its report (A/43/846) on agenda item 123, "United Nations Pension System", the Fifth Committee recommends that the Assembly adopt the draft resolution that it adopted without a vote. In this connection I also wish to draw attention to paragraph 2 of document A/43/846/Add.1, and to paragraph 3, wherein the Committee recommends the Assembly's adoption of an amended draft resolution on the admission of the World Tourism Organization to membership of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

(Mrs. de Rodriguez, Rapporteur,
Fifth Committee)

In conclusion I wish to express my profound gratitude to all delegations for having elected me Rapporteur. It has been a genuine pleasure to work with the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, with the two Vice-Chairmen and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, whose professionalism, kindness and profound experience and expertise have greatly facilitated my job. I also thank all the Secretariat staff for their timely support and assistance which has always been of high professional quality. Lastly, I should like to say that, both professionally and personally, this experience will surely leave a very fine memory in my life. I wish you all peaceful and happy holidays and hope that next year will be a happy and good one for all of us.

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.

(The President)

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 12, dealing with those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/43/945) that were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Fifth Committee. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of that draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly adopts the draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now turn to Part II of the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/921/Add.1) on sub-item (b) of agenda item 17, "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions".

In paragraph 4 of its report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint Mr. Carlos Moreira Garcia as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a two-year term beginning 1 January 1989.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt that recommendation?

The recommendation was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17.

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The Assembly will now consider agenda item 49, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations".

In that connection the Assembly has before it the report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/43/951.

The Assembly will turn its attention to the two draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/43/951).

Draft resolution I is entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213: progress report and revised estimates for the biennium 1988-1989". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/213).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II concerns the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund.

The Fifth Committee also adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/214).

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of the United States of America, who wishes to make a statement in explanation of her delegation's position.

Mrs. GROSS (United States of America): The delegation of the United States has joined in the consensus in adopting the draft resolution approving the budget outline for the 1990-1991 biennium. That decision represents a major step forward in implementing the wide-ranging administrative and budgetary reforms approved two years ago in General Assembly resolution 41/213. It provides the Secretary-General with the policy guidance he needs to produce a budget whose size and content reflect the views of all Member States.

(Mrs. Gross, United States)

All delegations can take satisfaction in the fact that this phase of the revised budget process has worked well. The Secretary-General's proposed outline, the first of its kind, provided a sound basis for review by Member States. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination examined the proposed outline and reached consensus on its substance. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, within the terms of its mandate, provided essential technical clarifications. Finally, the Fifth Committee, through a series of informal consultations, pulled all the strands together and produced the draft resolution which the Assembly has just adopted without a vote.

The draft resolution we have just approved is the culmination of one process and the beginning of another. The work of the Secretary-General and of Member States in developing and approving the budget for 1990-1991 will now begin in earnest, with the understanding that a broad consensus exists on what that budget will contain.

It is also necessary to realize that the outline just approved is a first effort, and improvements can be expected in the future. For example, Member States, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, will need to address the issues of programme priorities and of currency and inflation fluctuations at the next session. The resolution asks for specific inputs from the Secretary-General on both topics, and we look forward to discussing them at the forty-fourth session.

In conclusion, the United States delegation is pleased that by working together Member States have achieved the consensus on the budget outline that was envisioned in General Assembly resolution 41/213. The constructive spirit that has prevailed in that effort will be of great importance as all delegations continue their efforts to make the United Nations more efficient in carrying out the tasks that we have entrusted to it.

The PRESIDENT: We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 49.

We turn now to the next report of the Fifth Committee, which concerns agenda item 50, entitled "Current financial crisis of the United Nations" (A/43/952).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/215).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 50.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 113, entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors" (A/43/803).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 8 of its report.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors" without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/216).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 113.

We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 114, concerning the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 (A/43/980).

Mr. INOATA (Japan): Having consulted the Controller, who is in full agreement, my delegation would like to refer to what appears to be a typographical error in the English text of draft resolution II C (A/C.5/43/L.15/Corr.1) recommended by the Fifth Committee. In paragraph 1 (a) the figure \$25,155,500 at the beginning of subparagraph (i) should be \$25,155,150. It is also necessary to make appropriate changes in the related figures in the document. I understand that the Secretariat will make the necessary changes in due course.

The PRESIDENT: The representative of Japan may be assured that the figures will be corrected.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions and the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraphs 51 and 52 of its report. For the time being, the text of those recommendations may be found in documents A/C.5/43/L.15 and Corr.1 and 2.

We shall first turn to draft resolution I, dealing with questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, which is to be found in section IV of document A/C.5/43/L.15.

In paragraph 51 of its report the Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of draft resolution I, sections I to XIII. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution I, sections I to XIII?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/217).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II A, B and C, contained in paragraph 51 of the report (A/C.5/43/L.15 and Corr.2), concerns the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, and includes A, Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1988-1989; B, Revised income estimates for the biennium 1988-1989; and, C, Financing of appropriations for the year 1989. Its adoption was recommended by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution II A, B and C?

Draft resolution II A, B and C was adopted (resolution 43/218 A, B and C).

The PRESIDENT: Finally we come to the draft decision contained in paragraph 52 of the Committee's report (A/C.5/43/L.15), which concerns the separation payments for the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of the draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 114.

I now invite representatives to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/979) on agenda item 115, entitled "Programme planning".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/219).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/953) on agenda item 116, entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Fifth Committee. The draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/220).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 116.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/955) on agenda item 117, entitled "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 8 of its report.

The Committee adopted without a vote draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II, entitled "Harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations", was also adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 117.

We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/738) on agenda item 118, concerning the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report of the Fifth Committee.

The draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report was adopted by the Committee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/221).

The PRESIDENT: The draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report was also adopted by the Committee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 118.

The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/963) on agenda item 119, relating to the pattern of conferences.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 16 of its report. I shall put the recommendations of the Fifth Committee to the Assembly one by one. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will have the opportunity to explain their votes.

Draft resolution A was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 43/222 A).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Status of the Committee on Conferences".

The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/43/959.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Turkey

Draft resolution B was adopted by 129 votes to 4, with 14 abstentions (resolution 43/222 B).

The PRESIDENT: I should like to remind representatives that the Fifth Committee also decided to inform the General Assembly that action on draft resolution B in the report of the Committee on Conferences was being taken on the understanding that nothing in paragraph 4 (c) of that draft resolution should be construed as giving the Committee on Conferences any role in the budgetary process or authority to override decisions on programmes and on meetings and conferences duly decided upon by legislative organs of the United Nations.

I should like to draw the attention of representatives to paragraph 2 of the resolution just adopted, which calls upon the President of the General Assembly to appoint, after consultations with the Chairman of the regional groups, 21 members to the Committee.

In compliance with that request, I shall proceed with the necessary consultations and announce the appointments as soon as possible.

We now come to draft resolutions C, D and E, which the Fifth Committee adopted without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolutions C, D and E in the same manner?

Draft resolutions C, D and E were adopted (resolution 43/222 C, D and E).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 119.

We now turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/981) on agenda item 120, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 6 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted

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these draft resolutions without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolutions were adopted (resolution A/43/223 A, B and C).

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 120.

We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/43/954) on agenda item 121, entitled "Personnel questions".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report of the Fifth Committee.

We shall first turn to the recommendations contained in paragraph 14 of the report of the Committee.

Draft resolutions I A, B, C and D, which concern personnel questions, were adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolutions I A, B, C and D were adopted (resolutions 43/224 A, B, C and D).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II, which concerns respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations, was also adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/225).

The PRESIDENT: Now the General Assembly will turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 15 of the report.

The draft decision is entitled "Amendments to the Staff Rules". It was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly also wishes to adopt the draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 121.

Next the Assembly will consider the report (A/43/977) of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 122, entitled "United Nations common system".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 9 of its report. The draft resolution contained in that paragraph was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/226).

The PRESIDENT: We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 122.

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The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 123, "United Nations pension system" (A/43/846/Add.1).

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution in paragraph 3 of document A/43/846/Add.1. The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of the draft resolution. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/227).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 123.

The Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 124 relating to the financing of peace-keeping forces in the Middle East. We shall first consider the report of the Fifth Committee on sub-item (a) of agenda item 124, which relates to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/43/956). The recommendation of the Fifth Committee is contained in paragraph 6 of the report, a draft resolution that was adopted without a vote.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka,

Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Syrian Arab Republic

Abstaining: Algeria, Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Maldives, Sudan, Viet Nam, Yemen

The draft resolution was adopted by 133 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions (resolution 43/228).*

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 124.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on sub-item (b) of agenda item 124, which relates to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/43/957).

The draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee is contained in paragraph 6 of its report. A recorded vote has been requested.

*Subsequently the delegation of Poland advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Syrian Arab Republic

Abstaining: Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Poland, Viet Nam, Yemen

The draft resolution was adopted by 134 votes to 1, with 8 abstentions (resolution 43/229).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 124.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 147, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group" (A/43/978).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report of the Fifth Committee. We shall first consider

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the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 7 of the report. The Fifth Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/230).

The PRESIDENT: We turn next to the draft decision recommended in paragraph 8 of the report of the Fifth Committee. The draft decision was also adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The representative of Poland has asked to make a statement in explanation of vote after the voting, and I now call upon him.

Mr. NOWORYTA (Poland): The Assembly has just adopted the draft resolution in document A/43/978 on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG). I should like to state that my delegation joined in the consensus on the draft resolution despite its reservations concerning the composition of existing groups in the scheme of financing of peace-keeping operations. In so doing we were motivated by our support for United Nations peace-keeping operations, in many of which we are a troop-contributing country.

While supporting the overall level of appropriations for UNIMOG, we would like to voice Poland's reservations with regard to our allocation in group B of the scheme of financing of that operation. On prior occasions we have provided arguments supporting Poland's request to be included in group C instead of group B, where we are still placed. Our reservations refer also to the scheme of financing of other peace-keeping operations based on the same criteria set out in resolution 3101 (XXVIII). My delegation regrets that those anomalies were not

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eliminated at the current session. It would have been a correct move, bringing about a fairer and more adequate allocation of my country in the scheme of financing of peace-keeping operations.

We have supported the draft resolution on the understanding that the question of Poland's allocation in the scheme of peace-keeping financing, which forms a part of the resolution adopted, will be resolved at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, thus eliminating the anomalies existing within the scale of financing of peace-keeping operations.

The Polish delegation would like to avail itself of this opportunity to express its gratitude and appreciation to the representatives of the many States who demonstrated their understanding of the position of our country during the discussions of this matter at the current session.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 147 and of all reports of the Fifth Committee.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.