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## Addendum

## Summary

The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) was established by the Security Council on 31 May 1974. The present report contains the proposed budget of UNDOF for the 12-month period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, which amounts to \$33,643,900 gross (\$32,750,200 net). This represents an overall 3.9 per cent increase in gross terms when compared with the resources approved for the preceding 12-month period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The increased requirements relate to replacement of vehicles and data-processing equipment.

The budget provides for maintenance of the Force, which comprises 1,037 troops (821 infantry and 216 logistics personnel), supported by a civilian establishment of 120 (36 international and 84 local).

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in paragraph 32 of the report, including the appropriation of \$33,643,900 gross (\$32,750,200 net) for the 12-month period beginning 1 July 1998 to be assessed at the monthly rate of \$2,803,658 gross (\$2,729,183 net), subject to the extension(s) of the Force by the Security Council, and a decision to credit Member States the surplus balance of \$4,441,000 for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995.

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## I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) was established for an initial period of six months by the Security Council in its [resolution 350 \(1974\)](#) of 31 May 1974. The mandate of the Force has subsequently been extended by the Council in various resolutions, the latest of which was [resolution 1139 \(1997\)](#) of 21 November 1997, by which the mandate of the Force was extended until 31 May 1998.

2. For the financing of UNDOF, the General Assembly, by its [resolution 51/232](#) of 13 June 1997, appropriated the amount of \$33,616,400 gross (\$32,714,400 net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of \$1,248,400 for the support account for peacekeeping operations. These amounts were to be assessed at the monthly rate of \$2,801,366 gross (\$2,726,200 net), subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 May 1997.

3. Following the extension of the mandate of UNDOF by the Security Council from 1 June to 30 November 1997, an amount of \$13,207,438 gross (\$12,818,208 net) was assessed on Member States after the crediting of the unencumbered balance of \$1,129,300 gross (\$1,066,700 net) for the period from 1 February to 30 June 1996 and the surplus balance of \$2,358,000 for the period from 1 December 1993 to 30 November 1994, pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 10 to 13 of General Assembly resolution 51/232.

## II. Political mandate

4. The Protocol to the Agreement on Disengagement (S/11302/Add.1, annexes I and II) which was concluded between Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic requires UNDOF to maintain the ceasefire, to see that it is scrupulously observed and to supervise the Agreement and Protocol with regard to the Areas of Separation and Limitation (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

## III. Operational plan and requirements

5. In order to carry out its mandate, UNDOF maintains an area of separation, which is some 80 kilometres long and varies in width between approximately 10 kilometres in the centre to less than 1 kilometre in the extreme south. The terrain is hilly and is dominated in the north by Mount Hermon, which dictates the use of special vehicles designed for these types of road and terrain conditions. The highest United Nations position is at an altitude of 2,800 metres. The area of separation is inhabited and policed by the authorities of the Syrian Arab Republic. No military forces other than UNDOF are permitted within it.

6. UNDOF is entirely deployed within and close to the area of separation with two base camps, 44 permanently manned positions and 11 observation posts. The UNDOF headquarters is located at Camp Faouar and an office is maintained at Damascus. In addition, the Force operates day and night patrols. The Austrian battalion is deployed in the northern part of the area of separation, while the Polish battalion is deployed in the southern part. Its base camp is Camp Ziouani. Mine-clearing is conducted by both battalions under the operational control of UNDOF headquarters.

7. The Canadian and Japanese logistic units, which are based in Camp Ziouani, with a detachment in Camp Faouar, perform the second-line general transport tasks, rotation transport, control and management of goods received by the Force and maintenance of heavy equipment.

8. First-line logistic support is internal to the contingents and includes transport of supplies to the positions. Second-line logistic support is provided by the Canadians and the third-line support is provided through normal supply channels by the United Nations. The Damascus and Tel Aviv international airports serve as UNDOF's airhead. The seaports of Latakia and Haifa are used for sea shipments. Most requirements of the Force are procured locally in the mission area.

9. From its various positions and through its patrols, the Force supervises the area of separation and intervenes whenever any military personnel enter or try to operate therein. This is effected by means of permanently manned positions and observation posts, by foot and mobile day and night patrols operating at irregular intervals on predetermined routes.

10. On each side of the area of separation there is an area of limitation with three zones that are 0-10 kilometres, 10-20 kilometres and 20-25 kilometres wide, respectively. UNDOF inspects these areas every two weeks in order to ascertain that the agreed limitations in armaments and forces are being observed.
11. With a military strength of some 1,037 all ranks and a support civilian component of 120 staff, UNDOF is spread over the length and breadth of its area of operation. Both parties cooperate fully with the Force and, for a number of years, there have been no serious incidents.
12. The harsh terrain over which the Force operates results in less-than-normal life-spans for vehicles and other related equipment.

#### **IV. Financial administration**

##### **A. Financial period**

13. A financial period for UNDOF was established by the General Assembly in its decision 35/416 of 1 December 1980, covering the 12-month period from 1 December of one year to 30 November of the following year. In accordance with part I of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, a new financial period, covering 12 months beginning on 1 July of one year and terminating on 30 June of the following year, became effective 1 July 1996.

##### **B. Resources made available and operating costs for the period from inception to 31 May 1998**

14. As at 31 December 1997, total resources made available to the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF)/UNDOF for the period from inception to 31 May 1998 amount to \$1,198.5 million (gross), of which credits returned to Member States amounted to \$23.9 million. The estimated expenditures amount to \$1,176.9 million gross (\$1,159.5 million net). There is an additional requirement of \$138,200 gross (\$191,600 net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General of 21 January 1998 (A/52/771). Detailed information is presented in annex V.

##### **C. Status of assessed contributions**

15. Amounts totalling \$1,145.6 million in respect of UNDOF and UNEF have been assessed on Member States for the period from inception to 31 December 1997. Contributions received as at 31 December 1997 for the same period amounted to \$1,096.2 million. In addition, outstanding assessments were reduced by an amount of \$4.2 million pursuant to General Assembly resolution 50/83 of 15 December 1995. The outstanding balance of \$49.4 million includes an amount of \$36 million transferred to a special account in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/116 A of 10 December 1981.

##### **D. Voluntary contributions and trust funds**

16. The General Assembly, in paragraph 14 of its resolution 51/232, invited voluntary contributions to UNDOF both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General. A voluntary contribution in cash to the UNDOF Special Account of \$629 has been received from the Government of Cyprus. The Government of Switzerland has continued to make available to UNDOF air ambulance service for the repatriation of personnel wounded or taken ill in the performance of their duties, as and when required. This service was not utilized during the period from 1 January to 31 December 1997.

17. On 14 February 1996, a "Trust fund to support the activities of UNDOF" was established for the purpose of providing additional support to the activities of the Force. The Government of Japan has provided amounts totalling \$221,341 to date. This amount has been authorized for expenditure.

##### **E. Observations**

18. The General Assembly, in several of its resolutions, the first of which was [33/13 E](#) of 14 December 1978, suspended the provisions of

United Nations financial regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 in respect of those amounts which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to the provisions, and directed that those amounts be held in a suspense account pending a further decision by the Assembly. The total amount placed in a suspense account for the period through 30 November 1991, following the adoption of [Assembly resolution 47/204](#) of 22 December 1992, was \$64.9 million.

19. It may also be recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 36/116 A, decided to transfer the balance of assessed contributions of \$36.0 million due from a Member State to a special account. Furthermore, under the terms of General Assembly resolution 50/83, the amounts held in suspense were reduced by \$15.3 million to offset partially the waiver of South Africa's unpaid contributions to various peacekeeping operations for the period from 30 September 1974 to 23 June 1994. After adjusting for the amounts of \$36.0 million and \$15.3 million, the net balance in suspense will amount to \$13.6 million.

20. The financial statement as at 30 June 1997, covering the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995, shows that there is a surplus balance of \$4,441,000, consisting of excess of income over expenditure for the 12-month period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995, owing to interest income (\$1,671,000), miscellaneous income (\$28,000), and unutilized prior obligations (\$2,742,000).

## **V. Status of reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments**

21. As of 31 December 1997, troops are provided by Austria, Canada, Japan and Poland. Full reimbursement in accordance with the standard rates established by the General Assembly for troop costs has been made to those States through 31 May 1997. It is estimated that an amount of \$8.0 million is due for troop costs for the period ending 31 December 1997.

22. In the past, troops were also provided to the Force by Finland, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Peru.

## **VI. Signature of status-of-forces agreement**

23. No status-of-forces agreement is currently in effect. However, by a note verbale of 22 February 1976, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic informed the United Nations that UNDOF would be treated in accordance with the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

## **VII. Cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999**

24. The proposed budget of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 is estimated at \$33,643,900 gross (\$32,750,200 net). The budget provides for the maintenance of the Force at its authorized strength of 1,037 troops (821 infantry and 216 logistics personnel) supported by a civilian establishment of 120 personnel (36 international and 84 local).

25. A detailed breakdown of the cost estimates, by line item, is presented in annex I, column 2. For comparison purposes, the approved resources for the prior 12-month period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, amounting to \$33,616,400 gross (\$32,714,400 net), are shown in annex I, column 1. A breakdown of the proposed budget by non-recurrent and recurrent costs are shown in columns 3 and 4, respectively. Non-recurrent costs amount to \$3,697,300 gross and net while recurrent costs amount to \$29,946,600 gross (\$29,052,900 net). Supplementary information on the cost estimates is provided in sections A to C of annex II. Section A provides mission-specific parameters, section B provides requirements for non-recurrent costs and section C provides supplementary explanations on the estimates.

26. The proposed budget reflects an overall increase of \$1,275,900 gross in comparison with the resources provided for the operation of the Force for the prior 12-month period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, excluding the provision for a support account. The increase arises mainly from requirements for the replacement of vehicles, communications equipment and data-processing equipment.

27. In order for the United Nations to improve the aviation services received, the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) recommends that measures be taken to strengthen the Organization's capability to assess vendors' viability and suitability, including safety records and compliance with international safety regulations.

28. In order to implement this recommendation, provision has been made in the present budget for the following:

- (a) Travel of one aviation specialist and one safety specialist from Headquarters to UNDOF to assess the Mission's aviation programmes. An amount of \$5,680 has been included under other travel (\$4,012) and daily subsistence allowance for 10 days (\$1,668);
- (b) UNDOF's share of the annual subscription cost to Jeppesens aircraft database (\$1,700) which will be maintained in New York;
- (c) Subscription to aviation publications (\$500).

## VIII. Staffing requirements

29. The current and proposed staffing is shown in the table below. Following a review of the use of internationally recruited General Service staff, with a view to their replacement by Local level staff, it has been determined that, for operational reasons, the current number of authorized internationally recruited General Service posts must be maintained. There are no proposed changes in the staffing requirements during the budgeted period. The detailed breakdown of the staffing table is contained in annex IV.

### Current and proposed staffing table

		<i>Number of posts</i>	
	<i>Current staffing</i>	<i>Proposed staffing requirements</i>	<i>Net change</i>
Under-Secretary-General	0	0	0
Assistant Secretary-General	1	1	0
D-2	0	0	0
D-1	0	0	0
P-5	1	1	0
P-4	1	1	0
P-3	2	2	0
P-2	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
Field Service	26	26	0
General Service (Principal level)	0	0	0
General Service (Other level)	5	5	0
Security Service	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Local staff	84	84	0
International contractual personnel	0	0	0
United Nations Volunteers	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>

## IX. Observations and comments on previous recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

30. In paragraph 24 of its report ([A/51/684/Add.1](#)), the Advisory Committee took note of the comments and observations made in the Secretary-General's reports on the financing of UNDOF (A/51/405/Add.2, para. 30) and UNIFIL (A/51/535/Add.2, para. 31) and requested that updated information on the cost of UNTSO military observers deployed in UNDOF and UNIFIL be provided in the financing reports for those two operations.

31. In accordance with the request of the Advisory Committee, final expenditure figures of the cost to UNTSO of the support provided to UNDOF for the biennium ended 1996/1997, as well as the proposed budget for support costs to UNDOF for the biennium 1998/1999, will be presented as an addendum to the present report.

## X. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

32. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session in connection with the financing of UNDOF are as

follows:

- (a) Appropriation of the amount of \$33,643,900 gross (\$32,750,200 net) for the 12-month period beginning 1 July 1998, to be assessed at the monthly rate of \$2,803,658 gross (\$2,729,183 net), subject to the extension(s) of the Force by the Security Council;
- (b) A decision to credit Member States the surplus balance of \$4,441,000 for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995 against their assessments in respect of such future mandate periods as may be approved by the Security Council.

### C. Supplementary explanation

#### 1. Military personnel costs

(a) *Military observers*..... -

- 1. No provision is required under this heading.

(b) *Military contingents* .....17 787 400

2. *Standard troop cost reimbursement* . The cost estimate provides for pay and allowances at the rate of \$988 per person per month for all ranks for a total of 12,444 person per month, plus a supplementary allowance of \$291 per person per month for a limited number of specialists, consisting of 10 per cent of infantry personnel and 25 per cent of logistics and support personnel.

3. *Welfare* . The cost estimate includes recreational leave at \$10.50 per day for seven days per person for every six-month period of service (\$152,439) and other welfare at \$5.40 per person per month (\$67,561).

4. *Rations* . Provision is made for a total of 378,505 person/days at the rate of \$5.50 per person/day (\$2,081,777), an overlap of 0.5 per cent (\$10,409), and extra rations for holidays (\$15,965). The estimate excludes provision for 14 days of recreational leave for a total of 14,518 person/days (\$79,849).

5. *Daily allowance* . Provision is made for a daily allowance for incidental personal expenses to 1,037 contingent personnel at the rate of \$1.28 per person/day. This provision takes into account an overlap factor of 0.5 per cent.

6. *Travel and subsistence allowance* . Provision is made for the payment of subsistence allowance to military personnel who are assigned to duty stations where United Nations accommodation and/or mess facilities are not available or who are on duty travel within the mission area, including supply transport trips and inspection trips. Duty travel within the mission area is based on the established mission subsistence rates of \$56, \$65 and \$67 for Israel, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, respectively. Meal allowance of \$8 for trips of less than 10 hours duration and 40 per cent of the mission subsistence allowance (MSA) rate for trips over 10 hours, but that do not involve an overnight stay, are provided for in this estimate.

7. *Emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops* . Provision is made for the cost of rotating contingents upon completion of their tour of duty of approximately six months' duration and for the cost of repatriating individual members of the Force for commercial, compassionate, medical or other reasons, as well as the cost of chartered aircraft and transportation between airports of arrival/departure, baggage services and ground handling charges (\$1,170,000). The estimate also includes provision for the purchase of individual tickets for 30 Japanese contingent members who rotate in small numbers by commercial travel, since it is more cost-effective to purchase individual tickets than to charter an aircraft for such a small group (\$83,000).

8. *Clothing and equipment allowance* . Provision is made for reimbursement to Governments of a usage factor for all items of personal clothing, gear and equipment issued by those Governments to their military personnel at the standard rate of \$65 per person/month plus \$5 per person/month for personal weapons and ammunition for a total of 12,444 person/months.

(c) *Other costs pertaining to military contingents* .....426 500

9. *Contingent-owned equipment* . The estimate includes provision for the wet lease cost of 7 vehicles (3 utility trucks, 1 tractor truck, 1 heavy equipment transporter, 1 excavator and 1 bulldozer) assumed to be leased by the United Nations during the budget period in accordance with the new procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (\$126,500). This estimate is based on the available lease rates provided in the report of the Phase III Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-Owned Equipment dated 20 July 1995 (A/C.5/49/70).

10. *Death and disability compensation* . The application of the standard provision of 1 per cent of all contingent personnel, based on an annual maximum cost of \$40,000 per claim would have resulted in a requirement of approximately \$400,000 under this heading. However, taking into account past experience, the requirements for death and disability compensation for UNDOF are lower than the standard rate.

## 2. Civilian personnel costs

(a) *Civilian police* ..... -

11. No provision is required under this heading.

(b) *International and local staff* ..... 5 553 900

12. *International staff salaries*. Salaries of internationally recruited staff are based on the 1998/1999 standard cost rates for New York. Local salaries reflect the scale currently applicable in the mission area. The estimate provides for 36 international and 84 local staff (\$3,403,876).

13. *General temporary assistance*. Provision is made for the hiring of temporary staff to replace locally recruited staff on maternity and extended sick leave. The provision for 20 contractors hired by UNDOF under special service agreement (SSA), which was budgeted under this heading during the 1997/1998 financial period, is now included under contractual services.

14. *Overtime*. No provision is made under this heading. In May 1997, the Chief Administrative Office of UNDOF issued an instruction calling for the cessation of the payments of overtime to locally recruited staff and its replacement by compensatory time off only.

15. *Common staff costs*. Provision is made for common staff cost rates for internationally recruited staff (\$1,583,800) and for locally recruited staff (\$420,000).

16. *Other travel costs*. This cost estimate includes provision for travel and subsistence allowance for travel of the Force Commander (\$6,720), travel of the Chief Administrative Officer and other UNDOF personnel to New York or by New York staff to UNDOF (\$16,720), travel of vehicle technicians and communications staff for travel on training courses (\$22,725), official travel of staff within the mission area (\$14,000), and the travel of one air operation and one aviation safety specialist from New York Headquarters to UNDOF (\$5,680). Provision is also made for the travel of two auditors to the mission area for 14 days (\$10,400).

(c) *International contractual personnel* ..... -

17. No provision is required under this heading.

(d) *United Nations Volunteers* ..... -

18. No provision is required under this heading.

(e) *Government-provided personnel* ..... -

19. No provision is required under this heading.

(f) *Civilian electoral observers* ..... -

20. No provision is required under this heading.

## 3. Premises/accommodation ..... 1 514 500

21. *Rental of premises*. This estimate covers the costs of rental of premises (\$1,910) and the rental of a vehicle maintenance garage in Tiberias (\$8,100). Additional electricity charges for those rented premises amount to \$6,600.

22. *Maintenance supplies*. Provision is made for requirements for supplies at an average cost of \$47,000 per month for routine maintenance and renovation projects in the UNDOF area of operations and its headquarters.

23. *Maintenance services* . The estimate covers the cost of services for alterations, repairs, sewage system improvements and maintenance, hard surfacing and water supply system maintenance provided by private contractors.

24. *Utilities* . Provision is made for the cost of electricity supplied to camp Ziouani which is supplied by Israel's Power Authority (\$217,000), Camp Faouar, which is supplied by the Syrian Arab Republic's Power Authority (\$210,000) and to the Transport Workshop (\$3,760) based on current consumption rates. Provision is also made for water, based on actual consumption of 114,700 cubic metres, at a unit cost of \$0.36 (\$41,292), including water licence fee of \$100. Furthermore, the estimate includes provision for supply of water to the Transport Workshop (\$980).

25. *Construction/prefabricated buildings* . Provision is made for the replacement of existing prefabricated accommodation, ablution units, kitchen/dining facilities, etc., as well as for the cost of major alterations, adaptations, construction of premises in the camps and on various positions, as listed in annex II.B.

#### 4. Infrastructure repairs ..... -

26. No provision is required under this heading.

#### 5. Transport operations ..... 4 550 500

27. *Purchase of vehicles* . Provision is made for the replacement of existing vehicles in the UNDOF operational area, based on United Nations standard replacement criteria. All the light vehicles proposed for replacement are more than five years old or exceeding 120,000 kilometres. All the special purpose vehicles proposed for replacement exceed eight years of age or 250,000 kilometres. Details are provided in annex II.B.

28. *Workshop equipment* . Provision is made under this heading for the purchase of a range of tools and equipment for use in workshops which meet manufacturers standards and take account of local condition requirements for the UNDOF vehicle fleet.

29. *Spare parts, repairs and maintenance* . Based on the standard maintenance cost of \$6,000 per vehicle per annum, the requirements for spare parts, repairs and maintenance of 387 vehicles would amount to \$2,322,000. However, based on past experience with regard to the actual cost of maintaining the UNDOF vehicles, provision is made in the total amount of \$940,908 for spare parts, repairs and maintenance of 387 vehicles as follows: 303 civilian pattern vehicles at the rate of \$1,376 per vehicle per annum (\$416,928) and 84 military pattern vehicles at the rate of \$6,237 per vehicle per annum (\$523,980).

30. *Petrol, oil and lubricants* . This estimate, totalling \$704,043 is based on current prices as indicated in annex II, section A and current consumption rates. Details are shown in the table below.

	<i>Unit cost</i>	<i>Estimated requirement (litres)</i>	<i>Total cost</i>
Diesel			
Camp Ziouani	0.277	336 903	93 322
Camp Faouar	0.154	2 024 268	311 737
Filling stations	0.319	83 538	26 649
Transport workshop	0.154	12 000	1 848
Benzene			
Camp Ziouani	0.283	77 304	21 877
Camp Faouar	0.510	311 496	158 863
Filling stations	0.345	36 369	12 547
Oil and lubricants	-	-	77 200
<b>Total cost</b>			<b>704 043</b>



The decrease in requirements under this heading is owing to the fact that the estimate excludes generator fuel for Camp Faouar, since electricity is now being provided by the Syrian Arab Republic's Power Authority, provision for which is included under utilities.

31. *Vehicle insurance* . Provision is made for worldwide third-party liability coverage for 387 vehicles at the rate of \$829 per vehicle per year for 375 primary pattern vehicles and \$400 per armoured personnel carrier (APC) per year for 12 APCs.

**6. Air operations** ..... -

32. No provision is required under this heading.

**7. Naval operations** ..... -

33. No provision is required under this heading.

**8. Communications**

(a) *Complementary communications* ..... 583 500

34. *Communications equipment* . This estimate covers routine replacement of civilian-type and military-type communications equipment, as listed in annex II.B.

35. *Spare parts and supplies* . Provision is made for spare parts and supplies for communications equipment, consisting of \$198,000 for civilian communications equipment and \$22,000 for military communications equipment.

36. *Workshop and test equipment* . The requirements are for small tools, tool carriers and test meters as replacements for those worn out over time.

37. *Commercial communications* . Provision is made for rental of the satellite transponder (\$90,000), which facilitates telephone/fax and data communications. During this budget period, the United Nations 601 satellite will be changed by INTELSAT, which will increase the rental fees by approximately \$40,000 over the 1997/1998 period. In addition, this estimate covers the cost of official telephone calls via New York Headquarters (\$10,000), official telephone calls and line rental in the mission area (\$15,000), official postbox rental (\$5,000), the cost of air freight for diplomatic pouches (\$7,800) and the cost of access fees to the Chase Manhattan banking data to provide the Finance Section of UNDOF with on-line account information (\$800).

(b) *Main trunking contract* ..... -

38. No provision is required under this heading.

**9. Other equipment** ..... 900 900

39. *Office furniture and equipment* . This estimate covers the cost of office furniture and equipment needed as replacement for worn-out or damaged items, as listed in annex II.B.

40. *Data-processing equipment* . About 20 per cent of all data-processing equipment in UNDOF will be replaced during the forthcoming financial period in accordance with the United Nations standard replacement policy. In addition, five servers in UNDOF need to be replaced owing to their low-level capacity and age.

41. *Generators* . No provision is made under this heading. UNDOF received 75 generators from the United Nations Protection Force during the financial period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997. All of them are in the process of being assessed for use and will accordingly be repaired, overhauled or written off as a result of the final inspection and review.

42. *Observation equipment* . Provision is made for the replacement of aged and worn-out observation equipment owing to wear and tear, as well as the acquisition of additional equipment required to meet the Force's operational requirements, such as night observation devices, hand-held binoculars, search lights and stream lights, as reflected in annex II.B. The estimate reflects a considerable increase over prior years' resource

provision under this heading. There are constant attempts to penetrate the A and B lines at night in violation of the Agreement, as well as attempts to enter UNDOF camps at night. The area of separation is hit by parties, especially in the North (Mount Hermon) and in the South (Wadi Raqqa), where the terrain is very difficult.

43. *Medical and dental equipment*. Provision is made for the replacement of the existing X-ray machine in the Camp medical facility. The X-ray machine is 15 years old. Following an inspection by medical personnel from Austria, who performed a radiation protection inspection of the facility, it has been determined that there is a risk to exposure to radiation by both the patients and the operator. The machine has been shut down and, as a result, members of the Force must be sent to a civilian hospital 56 kilometres away in Damascus for X-rays. In addition, funds are required for the replacement of other medical equipment, including dental and laboratory equipment, which is aged and scheduled to be written off owing to normal wear and tear.

44. *Accommodation equipment*. Provision is made for the annual replacement of accommodation equipment which are assessed as beyond economical repair owing to normal wear and tear, such as beds, chairs, wardrobes, a 4-drawer chest, sofas, coffee tables, and mess/kitchen equipment.

45. *Miscellaneous equipment*. Provision relates to the purchase of miscellaneous equipment, including air-conditioners, refrigerators, stoves, fans, shelving, washing machines, dryers, and miscellaneous engineering equipment.

46. *Spare parts, repairs and maintenance*. Provision is made for spare parts, repairs and maintenance of other equipment not provided for elsewhere. This estimate covers repairs and maintenance of a variety of equipment, such as office machines, kitchen and heating equipment, generators, medical equipment, optical equipment, computer equipment, including contractual repair, maintenance and spare parts for stock.

## **10. Supplies and services**

(a) *Miscellaneous services* ..... 397 200

47. *Audit services*. This estimate covers the cost of external audit service for the Force.

48. *Contractual services*. Provision is made to cover barbering services (\$15,684), tailoring services (\$29,808), laundry services (\$61,000), garbage removal at the base camps (\$69,120), kitchen helpers (\$24,000) and data input clerk for the Reality system (\$15,120).

49. *Medical treatment and services*. Provision is made for the cost of medical expenses arising from the care and treatment of injured military personnel and for emergency dental care of troops when treatment cannot be provided by the Force's established medical and dental facility.

50. *Official hospitality*. Provision is made for the cost of official hospitality of high-ranking official visitors from troop-contributing Governments, such as ministers, ambassadors and special envoys of member and host countries and other dignitaries who visit UNDOF with the permission of New York Headquarters, as well as entertainment of officials from United Nations Headquarters.

51. *Miscellaneous other services*. Included under this heading is the provision for the purchase of medal sets and plaques, newspaper advertisement for bid invitations, technical and professional manuals, subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, news services, and services not listed elsewhere.

(b) *Miscellaneous supplies* ..... 890 800

52. *Stationery/office supplies*. This estimate covers the cost of a wide range of supplies used in all offices throughout the Force, including the cost of reproduction supplies and printing of forms.

53. *Medical and dental supplies*. Provision is made for the cost of medical and dental supplies required by the medical clinic and the medical care shelter in Camp Faouar and the contingents' medical facilities.

54. *Sanitation and cleaning materials*. Provision is made under this heading for the cost of insecticides, disinfectants, bleaches, chemical toilet powder and liquid, soaps and detergents, brooms, mops, rags, water-purification chemicals, cleansers, waxes, air fresheners, spray equipment and brushes, based on previous usage experience for the Force.

55. *Subscriptions*. In order to allow Headquarters to manage the United Nations fleet better and the field Mission to keep abreast of current trends in the aviation world, provision is made for the cost of aviation publications (\$500) and Jeppesens aircraft database (\$1,700).

56. *Uniform items, flags and decals*. Provision is made for uniforms that military personnel retain on rotation and special items of clothing required for hygiene and safety purposes by local civilian employees and military personnel performing certain jobs based on previous usage experience for the Force.

57. *Field defence stores*. This estimate provides for the regular replacement of sandbags, concertina wires, barbed wires, corrugated

steel sheets, fence posts, enamel painting, concrete tube culverts, Gabon boxes and mine tapes for use in repairing bunkers, constructing replacement bunkers and enhancing security at UNDOF camps and positions.

58. *Quartermaster and general stores* . This estimate covers the cost of kerosene, butane, oxygen, acetylene and freon, bedding, crockery, cutlery, and other household items, batteries (other than communications equipment and vehicles), packing materials, paper and plastic products, paint brushes and related items, camp stores and tools other than those for transport operations or communications, ancillary fire-fighting equipment, portable fire pump, military police equipment, mine-detecting supplies, electrical supplies, photographic items, gears, hoses, fittings and breathing apparatus.

11.

**Election-related supplies and services**

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59. No provision is required under this heading.

12.

**Public information programmes**

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60. No provision is required under this heading.

13.

**Training programmes**

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61. No provision is required under this heading.

14.

**Mine-clearing programmes**

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62. No provision is required under this heading.

15.

**Assistance for disarmament and demobilization**

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63. No provision is required under this heading.

16.

**Air and surface freight**

..... 160 000

64. *Commercial freight and cartage* . This estimate provides for the cost of shipping and handling of supplies and equipment for which no provision has been made elsewhere.

17.

**United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi**

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65. No provision is made under this heading, since the budget of the Logistics Base will be presented separately to the General Assembly.

18.

**Support account for peacekeeping operations**

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66. No provision is made under this heading, since the budget for the support account will be presented separately to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session.

..... 878 700

67. The estimate represents the difference between gross and net emoluments, that is, the amount of staff assessment to which United Nations staff members are subject, in accordance with the Staff Regulations of the United Nations.

## 20.

**Income** .....

(893 700)

68. *Staff assessment*. Staff assessment requirements provided for under expenditure line item 19 have been credited to this item as income from staff assessment and are credited to the Tax Equalization Fund established by the General Assembly in resolution 973 A (X) of 5 December 1955. Member States are given credit in the Fund in proportion to their respective rates of contribution to the UNDOF budget (\$878,700).

69. *Other income*. Included under this heading is the estimated income to be derived from the sale of obsolete or surplus equipment and stores (\$15,000).