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<u>Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and</u> <u>Budgetary Questions</u>: Mr. MSELLE

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

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AGENDA ITEM 130: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST (continued)

(a) UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.66)

18. <u>Mr. MERIFIELD</u> (Canada), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.66 on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) drew attention to paragraph 3, in which the General Assembly would express its deep concern about the status of contributions to UNDOF as of 31 March 1994, and to paragraph 4, concerning the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation had on reimbursement to troop contributors. In paragraph 12, it would note with appreciation that a voluntary contribution had been made to UNDOF by a Government and in paragraph 13 it would decide to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section II, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 3211 B (XXIX) the amount of \$18,204,000 gross for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1993, inclusive. It would decide also in paragraph 14 to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of \$16,080,000 gross for the period from 1 December 1993 to 31 May 1994. The Secretary-General would be authorized in paragraph 18 to enter into commitments for UNDOF at a rate not to exceed \$2,680,000 gross per month for the six-month period from 1 June 1994. In paragraph 20, he would also be requested to include in his next report to the General Assembly on the financing of UNDOF comments on the feasibility of a gradual reduction of the surplus balance, taking into account the financial situation of the Force, the status of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries and the views expressed by Member States. He hoped that the draft resolution, which had been submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations, could be adopted without a vote.

19. Mr. BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation's position on the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the

Middle East remained unchanged.

20. <u>The CHAIRMAN</u> said that, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.66 without a vote.

21. Draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.66 was adopted without a vote.

(b) UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.65)

22. <u>Mr. MERIFIELD</u> (Canada), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.65 on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), said that paragraph 2 of the draft resolution would express the General Assembly's deep concern about the adverse effect of the deteriorating financial situation on reimbursement to troop contributors, which placed an additional burden on those countries and put at risk the continuing supply of troops to UNIFIL. In paragraph 10, the General Assembly would decide to appropriate to the Special Account for UNIFIL the amount of \$146,280,000 gross for the operation of the Force from 1 February 1993 to 31 January 1994, inclusive. It would decide also, in paragraph 11, to appropriate to the Special Account a total amount of \$71,142,000 gross for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1994 and, as an ad hoc arrangement (para. 12), to apportion the additional amount of \$48,265,400 gross for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1994. Paragraph 15 would authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Force at a rate not to exceed \$11,857,000 gross per month for a period up to six months beginning 1 August 1994. Lastly, the Secretary-General would be requested in paragraph 17 to include in his next report to the General Assembly on the financing of UNIFIL comments on the feasibility of a gradual reduction of the surplus balance. He hoped that the draft resolution, which had been submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations, could be adopted without a vote.

23. <u>The CHAIRMAN</u> said that, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.65 without a vote.

24. Draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.65 was adopted without a vote.

25. <u>The CHAIRMAN</u> said that the Committee had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 130 (a) and (b) and requested the Rapporteur to report thereon direct to the plenary Assembly.

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The meeting rose at 5.10 p.m.