

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 880 (1993) of 4 November 1993, in which the Council decided to establish the Military Liaison Team,

Recalling its decision 48/480 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Military Liaison Team,

Recognizing that the costs of the Military Liaison Team are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Military Liaison Team, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Military Liaison Team with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Urges* all Member States that have not already met their obligations under its decision 48/480 to make every possible effort to ensure early payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia;

2. *Reaffirms* that, pursuant to its resolution 48/209 of 21 December 1993, the office referred to in paragraph 12 of the report of the Secretary-General is to be called a field office of the United Nations development system;

3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Military Liaison Team is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

5. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Military Liaison Team promptly and in full;

6. *Affirms* that, among other factors, the failure of Member States to pay their assessed contributions promptly and in full and the fact that the General Assembly has unfortunately been led to consider and approve peace-keeping budgets without adequate documentation have damaged and continue to damage the ability of peace-keeping operations to implement their activities effectively;

7. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in decision 48/480 an amount of 910,400 United States dollars gross (872,100 dollars net) for the operation of the Military Liaison Team for the six-month period from 15 November 1993 to 15 May 1994, inclusive of the amount of 756,500 dollars gross (724,200 dollars net) authorized and apportioned in accordance with decision 48/480;

8. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 153,900 dollars gross (147,900 dollars net) for the period from 15 November 1993 to 15 May 1994, taking into account the

amount of 756,500 dollars gross (724,200 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with decision 48/480, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

9. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 6,000 dollars for the period from 15 November 1993 to 15 May 1994 approved for the Military Liaison Team;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session a performance report on the budget of the Military Liaison Team for the mandate period ending 15 May 1994;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia".

94th plenary meeting
26 May 1994

48/259. Special representatives, envoys and related positions

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁷⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷⁸

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to clarify the position of special representatives and envoys appointed on a "when actually employed" basis, on special service agreement, on a one United States dollar-a-year honorarium or with no remuneration, and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session such special guidelines as would need to be applied to these types of contractual arrangements, including a set of objective criteria for determining the level of such positions and the form of remuneration to be used;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the number of special envoys, special representatives and other special high-level positions is kept at a minimum, that their functions and responsibilities are more clearly defined and streamlined, avoiding any possible duplication, and that current financial regulations and budgetary procedures are fully complied with, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

5. *Decides* that a period of three hundred and sixty-five days shall be used for the calculation of the daily salary of high-level officials working on a "when actually employed" basis;

⁷⁷ A/C.5/48/26 and Add.1.

⁷⁸ A/48/7/Add.7.

6. *Takes note* of the annex to the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General.⁷⁹

*98th plenary meeting
14 July 1994*

48/260. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II, paragraph 19, of its resolution 48/228 A of 23 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to consider the creation of a new budget section relating to the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s with recommendations for additional resources and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme budget section to include the activities mandated under programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, entitled "Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development", currently administered under section 8 (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) of the programme budget, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its current session no later than 10 July 1994;⁸²

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in the draft programme budget section mentioned in paragraph 2 above any proposals for additional activities for the current biennium, together with proposals for the redeployment of appropriate resources to benefit in priority the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the resources allocated to the implementation of the New Agenda and to submit proposals for additional resources in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize to the maximum extent possible the resources and expertise available within the Organization for the activities envisaged in paragraph 6 of his report.

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⁷⁹ A/C.5/48/26/Add.1.

⁸⁰ A/C.5/48/74.

⁸¹ A/48/7/Add.8.

⁸² The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.71, entitled "Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development" at its 68th meeting, on 21 June 1994, and recommended it to the General Assembly for adoption. The draft programme budget section appears in document A/C.5/48/74/Add.1, dated 7 July 1994.

48/261. Decentralization of activities and resources in the fields of energy and natural resources

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993, in particular section II thereof,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/61 of 30 July 1993, in which the Council reaffirmed its support for decentralization in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities,

Affirming that decentralization should have as its prime objective the efficient use of resources for more effective programme delivery,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during its forty-eighth session,⁸³

1. *Endorses* the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report;⁸⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of those proposals in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, as well as in the programme performance report for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include the related transfer of resources between sections and the resulting savings in the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the question of decentralization under review and to report thereon, in the light of views expressed by other relevant bodies, to the Committee for Programme and Coordination and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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14 July 1994*

48/262. United Nations telecommunications system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations telecommunications system⁸⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁶

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of implementing a cost-effective global telecommunications system that would result in a reduction in the cost of such services, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Takes note* of the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its report.

⁸³ See A/C.5/48/SR.67 and 68, and corrigendum.

⁸⁴ A/C.5/48/76.

⁸⁵ A/C.5/48/11/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

⁸⁶ A/48/7/Add.9.