

the growing vulnerability of United Nations operations personnel deployed in the field;

75. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take concrete steps to improve the physical security of all United Nations peace-keeping personnel deployed in the field, including all aspects related to material, organizational, operational and other aspects of safety;

76. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on current measures and new proposals to ensure and enhance the security of United Nations operations³² and will consider what further steps might be taken to enhance their status and safety, taking into account the need for concerted action by all relevant bodies of the United Nations, and in that context welcomes Security Council resolution 868 (1993) of 29 September 1993, in which connection the General Assembly:

(a) Will give consideration to promoting the elaboration of a declaration that would, *inter alia*, reaffirm the principles of international law and the obligations of Member States concerning the status and safety of United Nations personnel;

(b) Calls upon the Security Council to include in mandates for the deployment of United Nations personnel specific provisions recalling the obligations of Member States and the expectations of the United Nations concerning the status and safety of United Nations personnel;

(c) Notes that a legally binding international instrument to reinforce the existing arrangements regarding the status and safety of United Nations personnel is being considered by the Sixth Committee;

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77. *Recommends* that, should any of the proposals contained in the present resolution result in budgetary implications for the biennium 1994-1995, such additional costs should be accommodated within the appropriation level approved by the General Assembly for this biennium;

78. *Decides* that the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects;

79. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that full conference services, including translation of official documents and simultaneous translation into all official languages, are provided to the Special Committee and its working group whenever they meet, normally for up to one month in April and May;

80. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

81. *Invites* Member States to submit further observations and suggestions on peace-keeping operations to the Secretary-General by 1 March 1994, outlining practical proposals on specific items in order to allow for more detailed consideration by the Special Committee;

82. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, within existing resources, a compilation of the above-mentioned

observations and suggestions and to submit it to the Special Committee by 30 March 1994;

83. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects".

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48/43. Strengthening United Nations command and control capabilities

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations,⁴⁷

Taking into account the rapid growth in the number, size, complexity and cost of United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Noting the proposals put forward by the Secretary-General in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995⁵³ for a strengthening of the peace-keeping capabilities in the Secretariat, as well as his initiative to establish a stand-by forces planning team,

Aware of the need to strengthen the capability of the United Nations to plan, conduct and coordinate its peace-keeping operations and of the need for extending and deepening ongoing consultations between the Secretary-General and troop-contributing States concerning specific peace-keeping operations and to involve more closely the members of the Security Council in such consultations,

1. *Stresses* the need to strengthen the capabilities of the Secretariat for the operational management, command and control of peace-keeping operations based on unity of instruction and clearly established lines of command in such operations, including a fully staffed and equipped situation centre covering all peace-keeping operations;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the members of the Security Council, troop-contributing States and other interested Member States:

(a) To review thoroughly and take urgent steps to strengthen present arrangements for political direction, military command and control and to improve coordination with humanitarian and civilian aspects of peace-keeping operations, both at United Nations Headquarters and in the field;

(b) To strengthen existing arrangements for consultation and exchange of information at an early stage between the Secretary-General and troop-contributing countries and to hold such consultations in the presence of members of the Security Council, as appropriate, for the planning, management and coordination of peace-keeping operations;

(c) To report to Member States on the steps taken under subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, before the next session of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations.

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