cess and their constant support and contribution to the achievement of a lasting peace in Guatemala.

Wishing to contribute to the efforts to ensure adequate protection of human rights in Guatemala,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 18 August 1994 on the establishment of a human rights verification mission in Guatemala,

Underlining the great importance that it attaches to the early conclusion of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace as the culmination of the process of negotiated settlement of the armed confrontation in Guatemala,

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a human rights verification mission in Guatemala;
2. Decides to establish a Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, for an initial period of six months;
3. Emphasizes the importance of the undertaking by the parties, contained in the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights, to provide their broadest support to the Mission and whatever cooperation it may need to carry out its functions, particularly with respect to the security of the members of the Mission;
4. Calls upon the parties to comply fully with all their other undertakings under the Comprehensive Agreement;
5. Also calls upon the parties to pursue a vigorous process of negotiation, as agreed by them in the Framework Agreement for the Resumption of the Negotiating Process between the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca and the Agreement on a Timetable for the Negotiation of a Firm and Lasting Peace in Guatemala, and to this end to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and his representative in their efforts;
6. Invites the international community to support institution-building and cooperation projects in the area of human rights which could be implemented by the Mission and the relevant Guatemalan institutions and entities with the participation of United Nations organizations and programmes;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to conclude a status-of-mission agreement with the Government of Guatemala, to come into force no later than thirty days after the adoption of the present resolution;
8. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly fully informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

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The Assembly, in resolution 49/137, noted with satisfaction the establishment of MINUGUA and, in the context of human rights, urged those concerned to comply fully with their commitments under the agreements already signed.

Communication of the Secretary-General. According to a 28 December letter of the Secretary-General to the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council, the latter half of 1994 was marked by stagnation of the negotiating process, which did not resume until 20 October. The talks had not yet resulted in the expected agreement on identity and rights of the indigenous people, thereby making a revision of the time-frame for negotiating a firm and lasting peace necessary. This set-back, the Secretary-General warned, undermined confidence in the peace negotiations and compromised the effectiveness of MINUGUA. Under the circumstances, he had requested the President of Guatemala and the leadership of URNG to renew their commitment to the negotiating process and enable the peace negotiations to regain momentum so as to achieve agreement as close as possible to the 31 December deadline.

Financing of MINUGUA

Initial requirements of MINUGUA for the period from October 1994 to March 1995 were estimated at $16,291,800 net of staff assessment ($956,000), according to an 8 September statement of the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee. (51) ACABQ, (52) also in September, recommended that the Secretary-General be authorized to enter into commitments not exceeding $12.9 million and that the actual appropriation be determined on the basis of the performance report on the 1994-1995 budget.

On 19 September, (53) the Fifth Committee informed the General Assembly that should it decide to establish MINUGUA, the Secretary-General would be authorized to enter into commitments of an initial $7.5 million under the 1994-1995 programme budget, subject to later review. He should be requested to submit a revised budget no later than 30 November.

In December, (54) the Secretary-General submitted revised estimates totalling $12,725,100 net of staff assessment ($728,100) for MINUGUA for the initial six-month period, including $2,655,500 for payments to other missions for the transfer of surplus vehicles and equipment.

ACABQ, also in December, (55) noted that an additional appropriation of $10,069,600 would be required under current budget procedure, and $12,725,100 if a new procedure to charge the value of transferred assets to receiving missions were adopted by the Assembly.

The Fifth Committee, on 20 December, approved an appropriation of $10,069,600, under sec-