On 16 December, the Fifth Committee decided [A/51/734] to inform the Assembly that, should it adopt the text, additional requirements of $408,700 would be needed under the budget for the biennium 1996-1997. (For further details on UNOV financing, see PART FIVE, Chapter II.)

Financing of ONUSAL

On 29 February, the Secretary-General presented a final report [A/50/735/Add.1] on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) from its inception in 1991 [YUN 1991, p. 224]. At the same time, cumulative unencumbered appropriations totalled $15.7 million. The Secretary-General noted that ONUSAL operating costs included additional requirements of $826,000 gross for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 April 1995 and $16,300 gross for the liquidation period from 1 to 31 May 1995. He requested that the General Assembly appropriate and assess those amounts and take action concerning the remaining unencumbered balance, interest and miscellaneous income, as well as any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of ONUSAL’s remaining obligations.

In a 6 August report [A/50/1018], the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) agreed with the Secretary-General’s request.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

On 17 September, the General Assembly adopted resolution 50/246.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Recalling Security Council resolution 991(1995) of 28 April 1995, by which the Council affirmed that the mandate of the Observer Mission would terminate as at 30 April 1995, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the Observer Mission,

Recalling also its resolution 45/267 of 21 June 1991 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 50/447 of 22 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission 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,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that 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,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador as at 31 August 1996, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 7,804,394 United States dollars, representing 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 31 May 1995, notes that some 45 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full;

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

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador the additional amount of 826,000 dollars gross (745,300 dollars net) already authorized by the General Assembly in its decision 50/447 for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 April 1995;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion an additional amount of 826,000 dollars gross (745,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 December