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Topic: Financing Peacekeeping Missions – War and Disaster

The General Assembly, reminding all countries of United Nation’s first peacekeeping mission in 1948 following the Arab-Israeli war;
Emphasizing the 28th charter of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which establishes that all civilians of every nation have the right to a fair, free and orderly world,
Noting Lebanon’s independently achieved strength and stability which has prospered since the violence that occurred in 2006,
Drawing attention to the humanitarian discord and political instability in the nations of Haiti and Kosovo,
Noting Haiti’s unfortunate struggles with natural disasters, namely earthquakes, as well as cholera outbreaks in recent years and Kosovo’s recently gained independence and quest towards political stability,
Recognizes the countless efforts of the United Nations in financing such missions in pursuit of world-wide peace,
Having devoted attention to the magnitude of positive impact resulting by the contribution and participation of member nations in resolving this issue,

1. Emphasizes the importance of military troops in the border of Lebanon;
2. Considers cutting civilian personnel costs by $5million UNIFIL;
3. Recommends reducing the costs of naval transportation in UNIFIL by $15 million, making it $16,749,700;
4. Noting the importance of quick-impact projects in this area;
5. Solemnly affirms the importance of infrastructure in Haiti as the nation is prone to
natural disasters;

6. Further recommends reducing official travels costs from MINUSTAH (Haiti) missions to $1.5 million;

7. Encourages the MINUSTAH, UNIFIL and UNMIK medical budget remain stable;

8. Requests the reduction of $0.5 million from military personnel;

9. Endorses the use of humanitarian aid (namely, medical supplies, civilian personnel costs and quick impact projects) in the UNMIK and MINUSTAH missions;

10. Encourages foreign investments in facilities, infrastructure, services and equipment in UNIFIL (Lebanon) and MINUSTAH (Haiti);

11. Calls upon the replacement of international staff by civilians local to the countries in which these missions are centered, as well as neighboring countries to reduce costs.