

Assembly firmly embodied this principle in Resolution 1874(S-IV), which contained a clear affirmation of the principle of collective responsibility and other principles to be used as guidelines in apportioning the costs of peacekeeping operations involving heavy expenditures that may be initiated in the future. I need hardly mention that both these Resolutions were adopted by very large majorities. For these reasons the question of the collective responsibility of Members for financing United Nations peacekeeping operations is no longer in doubt.

Furthermore, there is no question of whether UNEF remains necessary as a means of ensuring peace and stability in the Middle East. The Secretary-General has clearly stated in his report that he believes UNEF is "clearly indispensable at the present time to the maintenance of quiet along the Gaza-Sinai line". In addition, the Secretary-General stated in paragraph 3 that UNEF has been remarkably successful in achieving its task and therefore is considered to be essential to the peace and prosperity of the area. My Delegation completely shares the Secretary-General's view on these matters.

I should like to comment briefly on the point raised by the Secretary-General when he mentioned that UNEF was essential to the peace and prosperity of the area. In doing so the Secretary-General has quite properly drawn our attention to the important relationship between peace and prosperity. There is little hope of achieving prosperity without peace. The primacy of peace in this relationship is reflected in Article I of the Charter which states, in part,