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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 34th and 42nd meetings, on 5 May and 30 June 2011. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.34 and 42).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (A/65/620);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/65/727);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/743/Add.7).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.44

4. At its 42nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” (A/C.5/65/L.44), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Finland.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.44 without a vote (see para. 6).

* Reissued for technical reasons on 26 July 2011.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1497 (2003) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1938 (2010) of 15 September 2010, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 September 2011,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/261 A of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 64/280 of 24 June 2010,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010 and 65/289 of 30 June 2011, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Liberia as at 30 April 2011, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 88 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed

¹ A/65/620 and A/65/727.

² A/65/743/Add.7.

contributions, notes with concern that only eighty-five Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandate;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the immediate assistance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia to the mission in Côte d'Ivoire during the post-election crisis;

11. *Also notes with appreciation* that the United Nations entities with field presence in Liberia have advanced in developing coordination mechanisms and in this regard encourages more effective cooperation within the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities with field presence, in line with their respective roles and mandates as adopted by the relevant intergovernmental bodies;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the initiative "delivering as one" in accordance with the relevant mandates adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the executive boards of United Nations funds and programmes and the governing bodies of the specialized agencies;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² and encourages the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to provide the support required for the Liberia National Police, to ensure that the capacity-building process would be concluded in a proper and timely manner;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269 and 65/289;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

16. *Notes* that the overall level of appropriation has been adjusted in accordance with the terms of resolution 65/289;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 559,147,030 dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, inclusive of 513,404,030 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 12,155,900 dollars for electoral support to be provided by the Mission, 28,461,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 5,125,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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19. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 136,747,783 dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

20. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 3,806,125 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,068,850 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 602,650 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 134,625 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 12,155,900 dollars for electoral support to be provided by the Mission, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

22. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 40,900 dollars of estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission;

³ A/65/620.

23. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 410,243,347 dollars for the period from 1 October 2011 to 30 June 2012, at a monthly rate of 45,582,593 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 64/249 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011 and 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

24. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 11,418,375 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,206,550 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,807,950 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 403,875 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 32,775,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in its resolution 64/248;

26. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 32,775,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Decides* that the increase of 361,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 32,775,600 dollars referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia".