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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

- 1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
- 2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 31st and 35th meetings, on 14 May and 27 June 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/67/SR.31 and 35).
- 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 Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/67/642);
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (A/67/777);
- (c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/780/Add.15).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.52

4. At its 35th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire"







(A/C.5/67/L.52), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.52 without a vote (see para. 6).

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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 Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2062 (2012) of 26 July 2012, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 31 July 2013,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 66/242 B of 21 June 2012,

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

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation 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 its 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, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/264 of 21 June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;
- 2. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2013, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 71.6 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 52 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 Operation in full;

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¹ A/67/642 and A/67/777.

² A/67/780/Add.15.

- 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. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
- 6. Also emphasizes that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
- 7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
- 8. *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;
 - 9. Recalls paragraph 62 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 10. Encourages the Secretary-General to take into account any lessons learned from the use of unmanned aerial systems in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the deployment of such capabilities in the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire;
- 11. Notes the significant degree of cooperation between the Operation and other United Nations presences in the region, including the framework for inter-mission cooperation with the United Nations Mission in Liberia, and encourages the Secretary-General to identify measures to further enhance and systematize cooperation among missions in the region, including in the delivery of administrative and logistics services;
- 12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/264;
- 13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

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

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

15. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 617,514,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, inclusive of the amount of 584,487,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 27,682,100 dollars for the support account for

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peacekeeping operations and 5,345,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

- 16. Decides to apportion among Member States the amount of 51,459,558 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;
- 17. Also 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 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 990,341 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 783,850 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 166,533 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 39,958 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;
- 18. Further decides to apportion among Member States the amount of 566,055,142 dollars for the period from 1 August 2013 to 30 June 2014 at a monthly rate of 51,459,558 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2013 and 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;
- 19. 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 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,893,759 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,622,350 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 1,831,867 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 439,542 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;
- 20. Also decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 28,530,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;
- 21. Further decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 28,530,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;
- 22. Decides that the decrease of 455,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 28,530,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

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- 23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;
- 24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;
- 25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation 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;
- 26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

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