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## **Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force**

### **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 peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 29th, 33rd and 35th meetings, on 8 and 24 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.29, 33 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 Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/67/589);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (A/67/705);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/780/Add.1);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/67/857);



(e) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/874).

## **II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.50**

4. At its 35th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force” (A/C.5/67/L.50), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.50 without a vote (see para. 6).

### 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 Disengagement Observer Force**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the reports of and the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force<sup>1</sup> and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2084 (2012) of 19 December 2012,

*Recalling also* its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 66/276 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 United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 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;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 2013, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19.4 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 57 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the 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 Force 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

<sup>1</sup> A/67/589, A/67/705 and A/67/857.

<sup>2</sup> A/67/780/Add.1 and A/67/874.

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 reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *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;

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

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

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;<sup>3</sup>

#### **Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

12. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Force for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;<sup>4</sup>

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Force the amount of 7,503,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, in addition to the amount of 45,992,000 dollars already appropriated for the maintenance of the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 66/276;

#### **Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

14. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 45,992,000 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 66/276, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 7,503,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, 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, and for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

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<sup>3</sup> A/67/589.

<sup>4</sup> A/67/857.

15. *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 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 180,400 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;

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

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Force the amount of 50,736,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, inclusive of 48,019,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,277,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 439,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

#### **Financing of the appropriation**

17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 50,736,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, at a monthly rate of 4,228,016 dollars, 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 and 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

18. *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 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,480,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,276,600 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 164,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 39,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 2,869,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 2,869,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Also decides* that the decrease of 171,300 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 2,869,300 dollars referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

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

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

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

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East”, the sub-item entitled “United Nations Disengagement Observer Force”.

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