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Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

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 Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 28th and 35th meetings, on 6 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.28 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 Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 14 April to 30 June 2012 (A/67/707);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/780/Add.2).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.34

4. At its 35th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic” (A/C.5/67/L.34), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Indonesia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.34 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 Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 2043 (2012) of 21 April 2012, by which the Council decided to establish for an initial period of 90 days the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic under the command of a Chief Military Observer,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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 Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

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

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2005, 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;

Budget performance report for the period from 14 April to 30 June 2012

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

4. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic the amount of 17,588,800 United States dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the establishment

¹ A/67/707.

² A/67/780/Add.2.

of the Mission for the period from 14 April to 30 June 2012, under the terms of section VI of its resolution 64/269;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 14 April to 30 June 2012

5. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 17,588,800 dollars for the period from 14 April to 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;

6. *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 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 40,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 14 April to 30 June 2012;

7. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic".
