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President: Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Viinanen (Finland), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 129, 146, 147 to 150, 152, 153, 155 to 163, 132 and 130.

I request the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Yuliana Zhivkova Georgieva of Bulgaria, to introduce the reports of the Fifth Committee in one intervention.

Ms. Georgieva (Bulgaria), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: I have the honour today to introduce to the General Assembly the reports of the Fifth Committee containing recommendations on issues that required action during the second part of the resumed sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

In the course of the second part of the resumed session, which took place between 3 and 28 May and on 18 June 2010, the Fifth Committee held 37 formal meetings, as well as numerous informal meetings and informal informal consultations. In accordance with resolution 49/233 of 23 December 1994, the second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee was devoted primarily to considering the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping missions and associated peacekeeping issues. The Committee considered the financing of 15 peacekeeping missions as well as other related peacekeeping items and issues.

On agenda item 129, entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors", the Committee, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/64/547/Add.1, recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution which was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

In its report under agenda item 146, entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", contained in document A/64/820, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft resolutions and one oral draft decision. Draft decision I, entitled "Cross-cutting issues"; draft resolution II, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy"; draft resolution III, entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations"; and the oral draft decision, entitled "Closed peacekeeping missions", were all adopted without a vote.

With regard to the draft proposals on the financing of peacekeeping operations, I would like to inform the General Assembly that, with the exception of agenda item 158 (b), entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", all the draft proposals were adopted by the Committee without a vote.

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Official Records

The reports of the Fifth Committee are presented under the following agenda items: 147, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi"; 148, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire"; 149, "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus"; 150, "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo"; 152, "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste; 153, Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea"; 155, "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti"; 156, "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo"; 157, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia"; 158, "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; 159, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan"; 160, "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara"; 161, "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur"; 162, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad"; and 163, "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)". Under items 132, 146, 161 and 163, the report of the Fifth Committee is entitled "Financing of the United Nations Office to the African Union".

Regarding agenda item 158 (b), entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", the report of the Committee is contained in document A/64/830. The Committee considered the draft resolution, as amended, and decided to retain the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 18 by a single recorded vote of 81 in favour, 6 against and 47 abstentions. In paragraph 11 of the report, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, as amended, as a whole, which was adopted in the Committee by a recorded vote of 132 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Under agenda item 130, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations", the Committee had before it in paragraph 6 of document A/64/596/Add.2, a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration", which was adopted without a vote.

Before I conclude, allow me again to thank delegations for their cooperation in the conduct of

negotiations. I would also like to thank the Chair of the Fifth Committee, Ambassador Peter Maurer, for the way in which he guided us through our difficult work, as well as the Bureau members with whom it was, as always, a pleasure to work. And on behalf of all of us, I would like to express our profound thanks to the representatives of the Secretariat for their cooperation, patience and support, and to the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee.

The Acting President: I thank the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee.

If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records. May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that:

"When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

May I also remind delegations that, also in accordance with decisions 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified to the contrary in advance. That means that, where recorded votes were taken, we will do the same. I should also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Fifth Committee.

Agenda item 129 (continued)

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/547/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/268).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 129.

Agenda item 146

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/820)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report and a draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 14 of the same report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I to III and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Cross-cutting issues". The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 64/269).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy". The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 64/270).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations". The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 64/271).

The Acting President: The draft decision is entitled "Closed peacekeeping missions". The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: I now give the floor to the representative of the Russian Federation to speak in explanation of position on the resolutions and decisions just adopted.

Mr. Prokhorov (Russian Federation) (*spoke in Russian*): The Russian Federation welcomes the agreement on resolution on cross-cutting issues in peacekeeping, especially in the context of the failed attempts to do so in the past two sessions.

We believe that this year the consensus was achieved thanks to many factors, and we would like to comment in particular on two. First, we note the special role of the coordinator of this agenda item, Mr. Danilo Rosales Díaz of Nicaragua, who demonstrated professionalism and made every effort to find a compromise. Secondly, the Fifth Committee was able to reach agreement because it agreed to take no action on recommendations in the reports of previous sessions under this agenda item. In this connection, it is our understanding that the Secretariat, too, will take no action recommended in the corresponding reports of the previous sessions.

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 146.

Agenda item 147

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/821)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/272).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 147.

Agenda item 148

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/822)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/273).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 148.

Agenda item 149

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/823)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/274).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 149.

Agenda item 150

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/824)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/275).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 150.

Agenda item 152

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/825)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take action on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/276).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 152.

Agenda item 153

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/826)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/277).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 153.

Agenda item 155 (continued)

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/774/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/278).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Agenda item 156

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/827)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/279).

The Acting President: General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 156.

Agenda item 157

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/828)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/280).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 157.

Agenda item 158

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/829)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/281)

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 158.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/830)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon". A single separate vote has been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 18 of the draft resolution. Is there any objection to that request? There is none.

I shall now put to the vote the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 18, on which a single separate and recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia. Bahrain. Bangladesh, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam. Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile. China. Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador. Egypt, El Salvador. Ethiopia. Ghana. Guatemala. Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, New Zealand, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 18 of the draft resolution were retained by 79 votes to 5, with 47 abstentions.

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania. Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

Against:

Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Côte d'Ivoire

The draft resolution was adopted by 131 votes to 2, with 1 abstention (resolution 64/282).

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: I shall now give the floor to the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to speak in explanation of vote or position on the resolutions and decisions just adopted.

Mr. Diab (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): My delegation joined the consensus on the adoption of resolution 64/281 on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and voted in favour of resolution 64/282 on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. Our

position is based on our consistent support for the principle that the responsibility for financing these two forces should be borne by Israel, the aggressor and the occupier, which caused their establishment in the first place. Our position is in conformity with the basic principles included in resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 158.

Agenda item 159

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/831)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/283).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 159.

Agenda item 160

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/832)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/284).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 160.

Agenda item 161

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/833)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/285).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 161.

Agenda item 162

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/834)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/286).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 162.

Agenda item 163 (continued)

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/553/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Financing of support of the African Union Mission in Somalia". The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same? *The draft resolution was adopted* (resolution 64/287).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 163.

Agenda items 132, 146, 161 and 163

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/835)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 64/288).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132, 146, 161 and 163.

Agenda item 130 (continued)

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/596/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The Assembly will now take action on the draft decision, entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration". The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. Peter Maurer, Chairperson of the Fifth Committee, members of the Bureau, and representatives for a job well done.

The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.