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

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda items 147 and 148 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/65/654.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the items 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 items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.34 and 42).
3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (A/65/682);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/65/744);
 - (c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/743/Add.8).

* Reissued for technical reasons on 26 July 2011.



II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.40

4. At its 42nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Mexico.

5. At the same meeting, the Secretary read out an amendment to operative paragraph 12, proposed by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations. The amended text was subsequently issued under the symbol A/C.5/65/L.40.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.40 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1925 (2010) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided to extend the deployment of the Mission until 30 June 2010,

Recalling also resolution 1925 (2010), by which the Council decided that, as of 1 July 2010, the Mission would bear the title of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and by which it decided that the Stabilization Mission would be deployed until 30 June 2011 and authorized the continuation until that date of up to 19,815 military personnel, 760 military observers, 391 police personnel and 1,050 personnel of formed police units, and recalling further its resolution 1991 (2011), by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 30 June 2012,

Recalling further its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 65/255 of 24 December 2010,

Recalling its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

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,

¹ A/65/682 and A/65/744.

² A/65/743/Add.8.

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 Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2011, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 288.1 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-four 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 mandates;

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. *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;

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

12. *Decides* not to abolish the child protection posts, requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to fill them, and also requests the Secretary-General to identify an equivalent number of posts at the same level that have been vacant for more than one year to offset the financial impact of retaining the child protection posts, without affecting operational requirements or mandate implementation, and to report thereon in the context of the performance report;

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

Financial performance report for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

14. *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 United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,507,538,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, inclusive of 1,416,926,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 76,783,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 13,829,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,507,538,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, 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 and 2012, as set out in General Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be offset against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 39,936,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 31,980,500 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 6,503,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 1,453,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be offset 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 35,075,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in its

³ A/65/682.

resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in its resolution 64/248;

19. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be offset against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 35,075,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Further decides* that the increase of 1,841,600 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 35,075,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

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

22. *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;

23. *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;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".
