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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 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third 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 36th and 41st meetings, on 13 May and 3 July 2019. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/73/707);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/73/854).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/73/L.32

4. At its 41st meeting, on 3 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/73/L.32), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Singapore.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/73/L.32 without a vote (see para. 6).

¹ A/C.5/73/SR.36 and A/C.5/73/SR.41.





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 report 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 decided to establish 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 2284 (2016) of 28 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 30 June 2017,

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 72/291 of 5 July 2018, as well as its decision 72/558 of 5 July 2018,

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,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2019, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.7 million United States dollars, representing some 0.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 162 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;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that 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;

3. *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;

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to draw on lessons learned and best practices for future drawdowns and closures;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to closely analyse the level of personnel required to successfully draw down and liquidate a closing mission, drawing on lessons learned during the liquidation of the Operation, and identify human resources strategies that facilitate the retention of expertise from already onboarded staff, including national staff, until the end of the liquidation period;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to include in future performance reports and reports on the

¹ A/73/707.

² A/73/854.

disposal of assets disaggregated information for assets disposed of before and after the beginning of the liquidation period;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General in future mission liquidation plans to include a risk assessment, mitigation measures and, in the case of theft, appropriate steps to recover stolen assets and to ensure that the relevant staff and financial regulations and rules are applied in any future cases of loss or theft of assets;

Final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire;¹

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".