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Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

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 Mission in South Sudan” 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 budget performance of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/73/652](#));
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 ([A/73/769](#));
 - (c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/73/755/Add.13](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.38](#)

4. At its 41st meeting, on 3 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan” ([A/C.5/73/L.38](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guyana.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.38](#) 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 Mission in South Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1996 \(2011\)](#) of 8 July 2011, by which the Council established, as from 9 July 2011, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution [2459 \(2019\)](#) of 15 March 2019, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 March 2020,

Recalling also its resolution [66/243 A](#) of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [72/300](#) 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,

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. *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, [66/264](#) of 21 June 2012, [69/307](#) of 25 June 2015 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan as at 30 April 2019, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 384.1 million United States dollars, representing some 4.8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 48 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 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 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;

¹ [A/73/652](#) and [A/73/769](#).

² [A/73/755/Add.13](#).

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 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;

9. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 11 and 12 of resolution [72/290](#) of 5 July 2018;

10. *Notes* that the various programmatic activities, to be financed through assessed contributions, of peacekeeping missions must be directly linked to Security Council mandates and reflect the evolution of those mandates;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in the performance report of the Mission, detailed information on programmatic activities, including how the implementation of those activities has contributed to implementing mission mandates;

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of overall budgetary performance in peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the recommendations of the relevant oversight bodies and to report thereon in the context of the performance reports;

13. *Also emphasizes* the importance of the accountability system of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen risk management and internal controls in the management of peacekeeping budgets and to report thereon in the context of his next report;

14. *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](#), [66/264](#) and [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

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

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;³

17. *Decides* to reduce the commitment authority in the amount of 65,157,100 dollars, previously approved for the same period under the terms of its resolution [72/300](#) of 5 July 2018, as well as its decision 72/558 of 5 July 2018, by the amount of 25,835,400 dollars to the amount of 39,321,700 dollars, as a result of which the total resources approved for the maintenance and operation of the Mission for the period will amount to 1,110,321,700 dollars, equal to the expenditures incurred by the Mission during the same period;

18. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan an additional amount of 39,321,700 dollars for the period

³ [A/73/652](#).

from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for the maintenance of the Mission, taking into account the amount of 1,071,000,000 dollars previously approved for the Mission under the terms of its resolution [71/308](#) of 30 June 2017;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

19. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 24,954,000 dollars, representing the difference between the amount of 1,071,000,000 dollars already appropriated under the terms of resolution [71/308](#) for the maintenance of the Mission and the actual expenditure of 1,110,321,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, less the amount of 14,367,700 dollars, representing other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

20. *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 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 88,000 dollars, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of 26,713,100 dollars approved for the Mission, comprising 18,310,100 dollars approved under the terms of resolution [71/308](#) and 8,402,800 dollars approved under the terms of resolution [72/300](#), and the actual staff assessment income of 26,801,100 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2018;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

21. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan the amount of 1,269,688,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, inclusive of 1,183,447,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 67,033,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 11,943,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 7,264,200 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

22. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 897,655,905 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 15 March 2020, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#) of 22 December 2018, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2019 and 2020, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018;

23. *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 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,417,568 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 17,654,723 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,374,530 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 892,291 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 496,024 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

24. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 372,032,295 dollars for the period from 16 March to 30 June 2020, at a monthly rate of 105,807,350 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution [73/272](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2020, as set out in its resolution

[73/271](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

25. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution [973 \(X\)](#), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 9,290,932 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 7,316,977 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,398,570 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 369,809 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 205,576 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

26. *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;

27. *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 procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan”.
