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Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

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 Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 41st meetings, on 8 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 Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/73/634](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 ([A/73/760](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/73/755/Add.7](#)).

¹ [A/C.5/73/SR.35](#) and [A/C.5/73/SR.41](#).



II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.42](#)

4. At its 41st meeting, on 3 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali” ([A/C.5/73/L.42](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Lithuania.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.42](#) 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 Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [2100 \(2013\)](#) of 25 April 2013, by which the Council established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as from 25 April 2013 and decided that authority would be transferred from the African-led International Support Mission in Mali to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali on 1 July 2013 for an initial period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution [2480 \(2019\)](#) of 28 June 2019, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 June 2020,

Recalling also its resolution [67/286](#) of 28 June 2013 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [72/297](#) 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,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

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 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 Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as at 30 April 2019, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 150.1 million United States dollars, representing some 2.6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 73 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;

¹ [A/73/634](#) and [A/73/760](#).

² [A/73/755/Add.7](#).

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;
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. *Notes with regret* the increasing number of casualties, and requests the Secretary-General to further strengthen the measures to ensure the safety and security of Mission personnel, in particular uniformed personnel, and to report to the General Assembly on steps taken in this regard in the context of the next Mission budget submission;
10. *Takes note* of paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish a Strategic Planning Officer (P-4) post in the Office of the Chief of Staff;
11. *Decides* to abolish two Human Rights Officer posts (P-3) that have been vacant for more than 24 months;
12. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 11 and 12 of its resolution [72/290](#) of 5 July 2018;
13. *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;
14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in the performance report of the Mission, detailed information on programmatic activities, including on how the implementation of those activities has contributed to implementing mission mandates;
15. *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;
16. *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;

17. *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](#), [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

18. *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

19. *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

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali the amount of 38,418,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 under the terms of section VI of General Assembly resolution [64/269](#), in addition to the amount of 1,048,000,000 dollars previously approved for the same period under the terms of its resolution [71/305](#) of 30 June 2017;

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

21. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 1,120,376,000 dollars previously apportioned under the terms of its resolution [71/305](#) for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 38,418,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the same period, 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 Assembly resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

22. *Also decides* that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, the amount of 15,129,100 dollars, representing other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018;

23. *Further 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 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,199,900 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the Mission in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018;

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

24. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali the amount of 1,221,420,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, inclusive of 1,138,457,900 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 64,485,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 11,489,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 6,988,300 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

25. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,221,420,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, at a monthly rate of

³ [A/73/634](#).

101,785,050 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#) of 22 December 2018, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2019 and 2020, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018;

26. *Also 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 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,747,900 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 16,267,300 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 4,591,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 1,214,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 674,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

27. *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;

28. *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;

29. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali”.
