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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. During the second part of the resumed seventy-fourth session, the Fifth Committee met online owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it considered the item.
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Liberia ([A/74/726](#));
 - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/828](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.44](#)

4. On 24 June 2020, the Chair of the Committee submitted for consideration under silence procedure, in accordance with General Assembly decisions 74/544 and 74/555, a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” ([A/C.5/74/L.44](#)), submitted on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Canada.
5. On 27 June, the Committee considered draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.44](#) adopted, in accordance with the process set out in decisions 74/544 and 74/555 (see para. 6). It also noted that it would take note of the resolution at its next meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allowed.



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 Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1497 \(2003\)](#) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution [1509 \(2003\)](#) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution [2333 \(2016\)](#) of 23 December 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period until 30 March 2018 and requested the Secretary-General to complete by 30 April 2018 the withdrawal of all uniformed and civilian components, other than those required to complete the liquidation of the Mission,

Recalling further its resolution [58/315](#) of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution [58/261 A](#) of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [73/319](#) of 3 July 2019, as well as its decision [73/555](#) of 3 July 2019,

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 Mission in Liberia as at 30 April 2020, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.1 million United States dollars, representing some 0.1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 161 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 Mission 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;

¹ [A/74/726](#).

² [A/74/828](#).

Final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Liberia;¹

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to identify and address on time and in full all the residual activities, including unforeseen liabilities identified after the closure of the Mission, and stresses the importance of raising the awareness of contractors regarding the settlement of any residual claims;

6. *Welcomes* the effort of the Secretary-General to reduce the overall environmental footprint of the Mission, in cooperation with Liberian authorities, and stresses the necessity to further ensure that all relevant measures are taken in line with the respective regulations and rules in order to ensure an environmentally responsible closure of the Mission;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia”.
