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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item 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 item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.34 and 42).

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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (A/65/625);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/65/706);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/743/Add.2).

* Reissued for technical reasons on 26 July 2011.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.39

4. At its 42nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus” (A/C.5/65/L.39), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Côte d’Ivoire.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.39 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1986 (2011) of 13 June 2011, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 December 2011,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 64/274 of 24 June 2010,

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 Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,³

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2011, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.9 million United States dollars, representing some

¹ A/65/625 and A/65/706.

² A/65/743/Add.2

³ S/1994/647.

4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-seven 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 Force in full;

4. *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;

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* the progress that has been made thus far by the host Government and the Force with respect to the renovation of the accommodations for military contingent personnel, as well as other personnel of the Force, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort, in coordination with the host Government, to ensure that the renovations are completed as scheduled, without any further delays, and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

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 action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure accurate planning of flight hours, in order to avoid underexpenditure owing to the lower number of actual flight hours compared to the planned hours;

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 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 Force for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;⁴

⁴ A/65/625.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 60,121,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, inclusive of 56,512,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 3,058,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 550,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 19,114,267 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 34,506,933 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,875,578 dollars, 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 resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

18. *Also 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 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,721,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,404,200 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 259,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 57,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be offset against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,361,709 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be offset against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,361,709 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Also decides* that the increase of 255,600 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 1,361,709 dollars referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2010, that one third of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 828,604 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

23. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2010, that the prorated share of other income in the amount of 297,987 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

24. *Also decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

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

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force 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 Force 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;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".
