

**General Assembly**

Distr.: General
29 November 2002

Original: English

Fifty-seventh session

Agenda item 150

**Financing of the United Nations Mission in the
Central African Republic****Financing of the United Nations Mission in the
Central African Republic****Report of the Secretary-General***Summary*

The present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA). The inventory value of the assets of the Mission as at 30 April 2000 amounted to some \$12.5 million, 52.5 per cent (\$6,545,300) of which has been transferred to other peacekeeping operations or the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage. The remaining 47.5 per cent relates to assets that have been disposed of in the Mission area (\$3,058,700) or reported as written off (\$2,842,400) or as lost (\$20,500). The disposal of MINURCA's assets has been guided by the principles endorsed by the General Assembly in section VII of its resolution 49/233 A.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly is set out in paragraph 6 of the present report.

Contents

	<i>Paragraphs</i>	<i>Page</i>
Abbreviations.....		3
I. Introduction.....	1–2	4
II. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic.....	3–5	4
III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.....	6	6
Annexes		
I. Summary of the final disposition of assets.....		7
II. Property transferred to other missions.....		9
III. Property sold.....		11
IV. Property written off or lost.....		13

Abbreviations

BONUCA	United Nations Peace-building Support Office in the Central African Republic
FALD	Field Administration and Logistics Division
HF	high frequency
INMARSAT	International Mobile Satellite Organization
MONUC	United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
UHF	ultra-high frequency
UNAMSIL	United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
UNHQ	United Nations Headquarters
UNLB	United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNOA	United Nations Office in Angola
UNOB	United Nations Office in Burundi
UNOGBIS	United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau
VHF	very high frequency

I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) was established by the Security Council by its resolution 1159 (1998) of 27 March 1998 for an initial period of three months, from 15 April until 15 July 1998. The mandate of the Mission was extended by subsequent Security Council resolutions, the latest being resolution 1271 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council, *inter alia*, decided to extend its mandate until 15 February 2000 with a view to ensuring a short and gradual transition from United Nations peacekeeping involvement in the Central African Republic to a post-conflict peace-building presence with the aid of the relevant United Nations agencies and programmes, the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

2. In a presidential statement of 10 February 2000 (S/PRST/2000/5), the Security Council commended MINURCA and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the contribution they had made to the restoration of peace and security in the Central African Republic and their important and tangible support for the holding of free and fair legislative and presidential elections, the restructuring of the security forces, the training of the police force and the launching of vital reforms in the political, social and economic fields in that country. The Council also expressed its thanks to all countries that took part in and contributed to the success of MINURCA, particularly troop-contributing countries, and welcomed the decision of the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in the Central African Republic (BONUCA) for an initial period of one year, beginning on 15 February 2000.

II. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

3. The disposition of the assets of MINURCA was guided by the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report of 25 May 1994 (see A/48/945, para. 110) and by the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report of 18 November 1994 (see A/49/664, para. 116). Those proposals, endorsed by the General Assembly in section VII of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, were as follows:

(a) Equipment in good condition that conforms to established standardization or is considered compatible with existing equipment will be redeployed to other United Nations operations elsewhere in the world or will be placed in reserve to form start-up kits for use by future missions;

(b) Equipment not required by other peacekeeping missions but that may be useful for operations of other United Nations agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations, and that it is not feasible to keep in reserve, will be sold to a relevant agency or organization;

(c) Any equipment or property not required or that it is not feasible to dispose of in the above manner or that is in poor condition will be subject to commercial disposal in the area of operations, following standard United Nations regulations and procedures;

(d) Any surplus mission assets remaining after disposition under the terms referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above, and/or any assets that have already been installed in the country and that, if dismantled, would in fact set back the rehabilitation process of the country, will be contributed to the duly recognized Government of the relevant country. This refers in particular to airfield installations and equipment, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. All efforts should be made to obtain from the Government concerned its agreement to compensate the United Nations in a mutually acceptable form (contributions, services, tax exemption, etc.) for the residual value of any surplus mission assets installed in the country that could not be otherwise disposed of. The General Assembly should, as a matter of principle, be requested to approve any such disposition of mission assets that would provide for free-of-charge contribution to the Government.

4. Based on the inventory records of 30 April 2000, the inventory value of the assets of MINURCA was established at \$12,466,900 million, categorized as follows: prefabricated buildings (\$195,500), vehicular equipment (\$3,644,100), communications equipment (\$4,034,900), office equipment (\$368,000), electronic data-processing equipment (\$2,154,000), generators (\$593,000), observation equipment (\$151,200), petrol tank plus metering equipment (\$218,300), medical and dental equipment (\$500), accommodation equipment (\$238,100), refrigeration equipment (\$345,100), miscellaneous equipment (\$497,900) and water purification equipment (\$26,300).

5. In accordance with the principles and policies recalled in paragraph 3 above, the assets of MINURCA have been placed into three groups and four subgroups, as also presented in summarized form in annex I and in detailed form in annexes II to IV:

(a) Group I assets (items classified as meeting the requirements of other United Nations missions) had an inventory value of \$6,545,300, which is 52.5 per cent of the total. As detailed in annex II, these assets were transferred to other missions, or to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage pending future use, or to activities financed under the United Nations regular budget;

(b) Group II assets comprised equipment disposed of in the mission area. As shown in annex III, such equipment that was sold had an inventory value of \$3,058,700 and a sales value of \$396,700. Non-expendable equipment represented 24.5 per cent of the total inventory value and was sold to other United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, the Government of the Central African Republic and, through public bidding, third-party individuals;

Table 1
Sale of assets of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic
 (United States dollars)

<i>Sold to</i>	<i>Inventory value</i>	<i>Sale value</i>
United Nations agencies	37 400	22 500
Government of the Central African Republic and local institutions	677 500	170 300
Individuals (non-United Nations staff members)	2 343 800	203 900
Total	3 058 700	396 700

(c) No assets are reported under subgroup II (b) since no assets installed in the Mission area were donated to the host Government;

(d) The group III assets classification is for equipment written off or lost, with a total original value of \$2,862,700 (23 per cent of the total value) and a residual value of \$1,086,800. As shown in annex IV, these assets consist of:

(i) Subgroup (a): equipment written off, with an inventory value of \$2,842,400 and a residual value of \$1,074,800;

(ii) Subgroup (b): equipment lost, with an inventory value of \$20,500 and a residual value of \$12,000;

(e) The lost items have been written off by the Field Administration and Logistics Division and the Headquarters Property Survey Board.

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session

6. The action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session in connection with the financing of MINURCA is to take note of the report on the final disposition of the assets of the Mission.