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**Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers
in Tajikistan****Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers
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The present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT). The inventory value of the assets of the Mission as at 31 December 2000 amounted to \$9.6 million, 68 per cent of which has been transferred to the other peacekeeping operations or to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage. The disposition of UNMOT assets has been guided by the principles endorsed by the General Assembly in section VII of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly, as set out in paragraph 7 below, is to take note of the report on the final disposition of UNMOT assets.

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, the Security Council established the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT). The mandate of the Observer Mission was extended by subsequent Council resolutions.

2. By its resolution 1274 (1999) of 12 November 1999, the Security Council, considering the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan dated 4 November 1999 (S/1999/1127), decided to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission for a period of six months until 15 May 2000. This was the final extension of the Mission. Operationally, the Mission has since been closed.

3. The present report on the final disposition of the assets of UNMOT is submitted pursuant to section VII of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, in which the Assembly endorsed the proposals of the Secretary-General for the disposition of the assets of peacekeeping operations contained in his report of 25 May 1994 (A/48/945, para. 110 (*d*)) and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report of 18 November 1994 (A/49/664, para. 116).

II. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

4. The process of liquidating the assets of UNMOT was guided by the following principles and policies, as approved by the General Assembly in section VII of its resolution 49/233 A.

(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 the start-up kits for use by future missions;

(b) Equipment not required by other peacekeeping missions but which may be useful for operations of other United Nations agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations and which 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 which it is not feasible to dispose of in the above manner or which 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 paragraphs (a) to (c) above, and/or any assets which have already been installed in the country and which, if dismantled, would in fact set back the rehabilitation process of the country, will be contributed to the duly recognized Government of the country involved. This refers in particular to airfield installations and equipment, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. All efforts should be made to obtain from the Government its agreement to compensate the United Nations in a mutually acceptable form (*inter alia*, contributions, services, tax exemption) for the residual value of any surplus mission assets installed in the country which 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, which would provide for free-of-charge contribution to the Government.

5. Based on the inventory records as at 31 December 2000, the assets of UNMOT amounted to an inventory value of \$9.6 million. These assets have been grouped into 13 categories of equipment presented in standard peacekeeping operation budgets: prefabricated buildings, vehicular equipment, communications equipment, office equipment, data-processing equipment, generators, observation equipment, petrol tank plus metering equipment, medical and dental equipment, accommodation equipment, refrigeration equipment, miscellaneous equipment and water purification equipment.

6. In accordance with the principles and policies recalled in paragraph 4 above, the assets of UNMOT have been placed into three groups, as presented in summarized form in table 1 below, in annex I and in detailed form in annexes II to IV to the present report.

Table 1
Summary of the final disposition of assets of UMOT

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Inventory value</i>
I. Transferred to other missions or for temporary storage to the United Nations Logistics Base	6 609.8
II. Disposed of in the Mission area	
(a) Sold	177.8
(b) Donated	-
III. Written-off	2 857.0
Total	9 644.6

(a) Group I includes assets identified as meeting the requirements of other United Nations missions. The items in this group, with an inventory value of \$6,609,800 (68 per cent of total asset value), have been transferred to other United Nations missions, United Nations Headquarters and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for temporary storage pending future use. Details are shown in annex II;

(b) Group II consists of assets with an inventory value of \$177,800 and includes two subgroups: II (a), items sold, and II (b), items donated as follows:

(i) Subgroup II (a), with an inventory value of \$177,800 (2 per cent of the total asset value), consists of assets sold to other organizations or within the Mission area. A breakdown of the recipients of these assets is shown in the table below and more detailed information is contained in annex III. The amount of \$20,700, representing the proceeds of sale, was credited as miscellaneous income to the UNMOT Special Account;

Table 2
Sale of the assets of UNMOT

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Sold to</i>	<i>Inventory value</i>	<i>Sale value</i>
United Nations agencies and NGOs	1.0	0.3
Government and local institutions	4.2	1.2
Private individuals	172.6	19.2
Total	177.8	20.7

(ii) No assets are proposed for free-of-charge contribution to the Government of Tajikistan under subgroup II (b);

(c) Group III totals \$2,857,000 (30 per cent of the total asset inventory value). Detailed information on all items in the various categories of assets written-off by the UNMOT Local Property Survey Board, is shown in annex IV to the present report. Summarized information is provided in table 3. The approval of the write-offs has not yet been completed by the Headquarters Property Survey Board.

Table 3
Written-off United Nations property reported by UNMOT

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Inventory value</i>	<i>Residual value</i>
Obsolescence	319.5	98.2
Reported lost	11.1	7.8
Wear and tear	2 126.8	767.2
Surplus	146.9	63.8
Accident	66.1	31.8
Theft	3.1	0.9
Damage	183.5	77.8
Total	2 857.0	1 047.5

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly

7. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly is to take note of the report on the final disposition of UNMOT assets.**