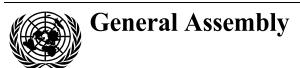
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Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

- 1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General providing updated information on the status of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/58/386). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General who provided additional information.
- 2. As indicated in the note, the proposed budget for UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/664 and Corr.1) was submitted to the General Assembly in anticipation of the continuation of the Mission (see A/58/386, para. 1).
- 3. In his letter dated 3 April 2003 (S/2003/400) addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the members of the Council had noted that UNIKOM was unable to fulfil its mandate as a result of the situation on the ground, and concurred with the recommendation of the Secretary-General that a peacekeeping presence be retained at an appropriate level for a further three months, until 6 July 2003, subject to any further decision the Council might take regarding the UNIKOM mandate.
- 4. The Secretary-General, in his note dated 14 May 2003 (A/57/811), proposed interim financing arrangements for UNIKOM for the four-month period from 1 July to 31 October 2003. The Secretary-General also indicated that, subject to the decision by the Security Council, a revised budget proposal for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 would be submitted to the General Assembly during its fifty-eighth session (see A/58/386, para. 3).
- 5. By its resolution 57/330 of 18 June 2003, upon the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$12 million for the period from



- 1 July to 31 October 2003, to be financed from the accumulated fund balance in the Special Account for UNIKOM.
- 6. By its resolution 1490 (2003) of 3 July 2003, the Security Council decided to continue the mandate of UNIKOM for a final period until 6 October 2003.
- 7. The Advisory Committee notes that in view of the closure of the Mission, no revised budget will be submitted to the General Assembly for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (see A/58/386, para. 7). The Committee also notes that the \$12 million commitment authority approved by the General Assembly would suffice to cover the remaining activities of the mission, including its liquidation.
- 8. The Advisory Committee was informed that in accordance with the liquidation plan, the assets of the Mission have already been categorized into the standard groups and that a complete report on the disposition of these assets would be presented to the General Assembly during the spring of 2005, in the context of the performance report on UNIKOM.
- 9. The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the information that no revised budget will be submitted to the Assembly for UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

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