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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 51st, 52nd and 66th meetings, on 22 and 23 May and 30 June 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.51, 52 and 66).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/60/614);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (A/60/703);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/789).



II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.57

4. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" (A/C.5/60/L.57), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Argentina.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.57 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 Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor,¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the last of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, by which the mandate was extended until 20 May 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1573 (2004) of 16 November 2004, by which the Council extended the mandate of six months until 20 May 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and its subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, the latest of which was resolution 59/13 B of 22 June 2005,

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 Mission and to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as at 30 April 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 36.1 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and five 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;

¹ A/60/614 and A/60/703.

² A/60/789.

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 Transitional Administration and the Mission in full;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;³

5. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 16,775,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

6. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 16,775,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 5 above;

7. *Decides further* that the decrease of 408,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 16,775,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

8. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

Final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Mission;⁴

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".

³ A/60/614

⁴ A/60/703.