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RESOLUTION 63/267

Adopted at the 78th plenary meeting, on 31 March 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.60/Rev.1 and Add.1, sponsored by: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

63/267. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 on the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Recalling also its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development and resolutions 58/233 of 23 December 2003, 59/254 of 23 December 2004, 60/222 of 23 December 2005, 61/229 of 22 December 2006 and 62/179 of 19 December 2007 entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support",

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹ including the recognition of the need to address the special needs of Africa, and recalling its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006,

Recalling the political declaration on Africa's development needs, adopted at the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs on 22 September 2008,²

1. *Takes note* of the sixth consolidated report of the Secretary-General;³
2. *Reaffirms its commitment* to the full implementation of the political declaration on Africa's development needs,² as reaffirmed also in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, adopted as the outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008;⁴
3. *Reaffirms its full support* for the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;⁵
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on the basis of inputs from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other stakeholders in the New Partnership.

RESOLUTION 63/277

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.66, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

¹ See resolution 60/1.

² See resolution 63/1.

³ A/63/206.

⁴ Resolution 63/239, annex.

⁵ A/57/304, annex.

63/277. Organization of a United Nations conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development⁶ and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,⁷ as well as its resolution 63/239 of 24 December 2008, in which it endorsed the Doha Declaration which states that the United Nations will hold a conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development, to be organized by the President of the General Assembly with the modalities to be defined by March 2009 at the latest,

Conscious of the importance of examining and overcoming the deepening world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development, concerned about the present and future impacts of the crisis on, inter alia, employment, trade, investment and development, including the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals and the Millennium Development Goals, convinced of the urgency of undertaking coordinated and collaborative actions and appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of the crisis on development, emphasizing the importance of the role of the United Nations and its Member States in the ongoing international discussions on reforming and strengthening the international financial and economic system and architecture, and stressing the contributions of the United Nations development system in the response to the crisis,

1. *Decides* that the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development:

(a) Will be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 3 June 2009;

(b) Will be held at the highest level;

(c) Will be presided over by the President of the General Assembly;

(d) Will consist of:

(i) A short opening session;

(ii) Plenary meetings;

(iii) Four interactive round tables, which will address the main issues before the Conference as outlined above;

(e) Will result in a concise outcome to be agreed by Member States;

(f) Will also result in summaries of the round-table discussions, to be included in the final report of the Conference;

2. *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the Conference;

3. *Invites* the United Nations funds and programmes, and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, the regional development banks, the regional commissions of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and civil society and business sector entities to participate in the Conference and in the preparatory process of the Conference in accordance with the rules of

⁶ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁷ Resolution 63/239, annex.

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procedure of the General Assembly and, in addition, where appropriate, the rules of procedure adopted for the Monterrey Conference⁸ and for the Doha Conference,⁹ with the practical arrangements and modalities for participation in the Conference, including the accreditation procedures for non-governmental organizations and civil society and business sector entities, to be dealt with in the note referred to in paragraph 4 below;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, to provide no later than 20 April 2009 a note on the organization of work of the Conference;

5. *Welcomes* the special high-level meeting in 2009 of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which will include a session devoted to a comprehensive discussion of the global financial and economic crisis and its impact on development, and invites the President of the Council to provide a summary of the discussion as an input to the preparatory process for the draft outcome document of the Conference;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the initiative of the President of the General Assembly in organizing the interactive, thematic dialogue on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development, held from 25 to 27 March 2009, as a contribution to the preparatory process;

7. *Welcomes* the initiative of the regional commissions, with the support of regional financial institutions, including regional development banks, and other relevant entities, to hold regional consultations, and invites them to provide inputs as early as possible to the preparatory process for the Conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report, based upon the analytical work of United Nations programmes, departments and organizations, on the origins and causes of the present crisis, the mechanisms of its transmission to the developing countries, the potential impact of the crisis on development, the response of the United Nations to the crisis through its development activities and national and international policy responses to date;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, through an open, transparent and inclusive process led by the Member States, to present in a timely manner a draft text based upon all preparatory inputs to serve as the basis for an outcome document, to be agreed by the Member States;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all appropriate assistance to the preparatory process and the Conference.

RESOLUTION 63/278

Adopted at the 80th plenary meeting, on 22 April 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.69 and Add.1, sponsored by: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Finland, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen

⁸ A/CONF.198/2.

⁹ A/CONF.212/2.

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63/278. International Mother Earth Day

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming Agenda 21,¹⁰ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),¹¹

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹²

Recalling also its resolution 60/192 of 22 December 2005 proclaiming 2008 the International Year of Planet Earth,

Acknowledging that the Earth and its ecosystems are our home, and convinced that in order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social, and environmental needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth,

Recognizing that Mother Earth is a common expression for the planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit,

Noting that Earth Day is observed each year in many countries,

1. *Decides* to designate 22 April as International Mother Earth Day;
2. *Invites* all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, international, regional and subregional organizations, civil society, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders to observe and raise awareness of International Mother Earth Day, as appropriate;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system.

RESOLUTION 63/279

Adopted at the 81st plenary meeting, on 24 April 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.67 and Add.1, sponsored by: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia

¹⁰ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

¹¹ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

¹² See resolution 60/1.

63/279. International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/169 M of 16 December 1997, 53/1 H of 16 November 1998, 55/44 of 27 November 2000, 57/101 of 25 November 2002 and 60/216 of 22 December 2005,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹³ and the information contained therein on measures taken to address health, environmental, economic and humanitarian development problems and satisfy the needs of the Semipalatinsk region,

Recognizing that the Semipalatinsk nuclear testing ground, inherited by Kazakhstan and closed in 1991, remains a matter of serious concern for the people and Government of Kazakhstan with regard to the long-term nature of its consequences for the lives and health of the people, especially children and other vulnerable groups, as well as for the environment of the region,

Taking into consideration the results of the international conference on the problems of the Semipalatinsk region, held in Tokyo in 1999, which have promoted the effectiveness of the assistance provided to the population of the region,

Recognizing the important role of national development policies and strategies in the rehabilitation of the Semipalatinsk region, and taking note with satisfaction of the successful implementation of the Kazakhstan national programme entitled “Complex solution of the former Semipalatinsk nuclear test site problems for 2005–2007” and the elaboration of the new cycle of the programme for 2009–2011,

Recognizing also the challenges Kazakhstan faces in the rehabilitation of the Semipalatinsk region, in particular in the context of the efforts by the Government of Kazakhstan to ensure the effective and timely achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to health care and environmental sustainability,

Recognizing further that the Government of Kazakhstan may call upon the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan to render assistance conducting consultations for establishing a multi-stakeholders’ mechanism, with the participation of various government bodies, local governments, civil society, the donor community and international organizations, to improve governance and enable the more efficient use of resources allocated for the rehabilitation of the Semipalatinsk region, in particular regarding the areas of radiation safety, socio-economic development, health and environmental protection, and for the provision of information on risks to the population,

Expressing profound concern regarding the negative effects of nuclear testing on the sustainability of the ecosystem in the region and about the accumulation of radioactive substances in the soil, which result in wide-ranging and complex consequences that create humanitarian, environmental, social, economic and health problems,

Taking note of the need for the utilization of modern technologies in minimizing and mitigating radiological, health, socio-economic, psychological and environmental challenges in the Semipalatinsk region,

Taking into account the fact that a number of international programmes in the Semipalatinsk region have been completed since the closure of the nuclear testing ground, but serious social, economic and ecological problems continue to exist,

¹³ A/63/659.

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Expressing deep concern that the current efforts are not sufficient to alleviate the consequences of nuclear testing, and regarding the fact that only five of the thirty-eight projects identified by the international conference held in Tokyo in 1999 were implemented,

Emphasizing the importance of support by donor States and international development organizations for the efforts by Kazakhstan to improve the social, economic and environmental situation in the Semipalatinsk region, and in this regard stressing the need for the international community to continue to pay due attention to the rehabilitation of the Semipalatinsk region,

Emphasizing also the importance of the new development-oriented approach in tackling problems in the Semipalatinsk region in the medium and long term,

Stressing the importance of the commemoration, in 2011, of the twentieth anniversary of the closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site,

Expressing appreciation to donor countries, especially Japan, United Nations agencies, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Bank, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Global Environment Facility for their contribution to the rehabilitation of the Semipalatinsk region,

1. *Welcomes and recognizes* the important role of the Government of Kazakhstan in providing domestic resources to help to meet the needs of the Semipalatinsk region, including for the implementation of the Kazakhstan national multi-year programme entitled "Complex solution of the former Semipalatinsk nuclear test site problems for 2005–2007";

2. *Calls upon* the international community, including all Member States, in particular donor States, and United Nations institutions to continue to support Kazakhstan in addressing the challenges of the rehabilitation of the Semipalatinsk region and its population, taking additional actions, including by facilitating the implementation of the Kazakhstan national programme on addressing the problems of the former Semipalatinsk nuclear testing ground in a comprehensive manner, and stresses the importance of regional cooperation in this regard;

3. *Urges* the international community to provide assistance to Kazakhstan in the formulation and implementation of special programmes and projects for the treatment and care of the affected population as well as in efforts to ensure economic growth and sustainable development in the Semipalatinsk region;

4. *Calls upon* Member States, relevant multilateral financial organizations and other entities of the international community, including academia and non-governmental organizations, to share their knowledge and experience in order to contribute to the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region;

5. *Welcomes* initiatives commemorating the closure of the former Semipalatinsk test site and the twentieth anniversary of the international anti-nuclear movement "Nevada-Semei", and the international conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the remediation of land contaminated by radioactive material residues, to be held in 2009 in Kazakhstan, and invites the international community to participate in these events;

6. *Invites* Member States to observe, in 2011, the twentieth anniversary of the closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site by conducting events and functions to provide to the international community information on the deteriorating consequences of nuclear testing on human health and the environment;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in implementing relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and to encourage the donor community and international and regional organizations to fulfil their commitments declared at the Tokyo international conference;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to pursue a consultative process, with the participation of interested States and relevant United Nations agencies, on modalities for

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mobilizing and coordinating the necessary support to seek appropriate solutions to the problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region, including those prioritized in his report¹³;

9. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to enhance world public awareness of the problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

RESOLUTION 63/281

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 3 June 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.8/Rev.1 and Add.1 sponsored by: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu

63/281. Climate change and its possible security implications

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/32 of 26 November 2008 and other resolutions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind,

Recalling also Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations, which established the purposes of the United Nations,

Recognizing the respective responsibilities of the principal organs of the United Nations, including the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security conferred upon the Security Council and the responsibility for sustainable development issues, including climate change, conferred upon the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Noting the open debate in the Security Council on “Energy, security and climate” held on 17 April 2007,¹⁴

Reaffirming that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change¹⁵ is the key instrument for addressing climate change,

Recalling the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the acknowledgement that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate

¹⁴ Including the letter dated 5 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/186), the letter dated 12 April 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/203) and the letter dated 16 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/211). See S/PV.5663.

¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

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international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions,

Reaffirming the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,¹⁶ the Mauritius Declaration¹⁷ and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,¹⁸

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹⁹

Deeply concerned that the adverse impacts of climate change, including sea-level rise, could have possible security implications,

1. *Invites* the relevant organs of the United Nations, as appropriate and within their respective mandates, to intensify their efforts in considering and addressing climate change, including its possible security implications;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on the possible security implications of climate change, based on the views of the Member States and relevant regional and international organizations.

RESOLUTION 63/282

Adopted at the 90th plenary meeting, on 17 June 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.72 and Add.1 sponsored by: Australia, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

63/282. The Peacebuilding Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, as well as its resolution 60/287 of 8 September 2006,

1. *Takes note* of the arrangements for the revision of the terms of reference for the Peacebuilding Fund as contained in the report of the Secretary-General²⁰ and the revised terms of reference for the Fund contained in the annex thereto;

2. *Notes* that the broad objectives of the revision of the terms of reference for the Peacebuilding Fund are to enhance the capacity of the Fund to serve as a flexible, responsive and focused resource for peacebuilding support and to enhance and maximize the synergy between the Peacebuilding Commission and the Fund;

3. *Affirms* the respective roles of the General Assembly, the Peacebuilding Commission and the independent Advisory Group to provide policy guidance on the use of the Fund to maximize its impact and improve its functioning;

¹⁶ *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April–6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

¹⁷ *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10–14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹⁹ See resolution 60/1.

²⁰ A/63/818.

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4. *Welcomes* the contributions and financial pledges made to the Fund, and emphasizes the necessity of sustained contributions in order to enhance the capacity of the Fund to provide the predictable and catalytic resources needed to launch post-conflict peacebuilding activities;
5. *Urges* all Member States to consider making voluntary contributions to the Fund;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the operation and activities of the Fund;
7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his annual report on the operation and activities of the Fund to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session the findings and recommendations from the next comprehensive independent evaluation;
8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund".

RESOLUTION 63/301

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.74 and Add.1, as orally amended, sponsored by: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

63/301. Situation in Honduras: democracy breakdown

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned by the coup d'état that took place in the Republic of Honduras on 28 June 2009,

Deeply concerned also by the acts of violence against diplomatic personnel and accredited officials in the Republic of Honduras in violation of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations,²¹

Recalling the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and conventions on international peace and security,

Gravely concerned by the breakdown in the constitutional and democratic order that has led to the endangerment of security, democracy and the rule of law, which has jeopardized the security of Honduran and foreign citizens,

1. *Condemns* the coup d'état in the Republic of Honduras that has interrupted the democratic and constitutional order and the legitimate exercise of power in Honduras, and resulted in the removal of the democratically elected President of that country, Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales;

2. *Demands* the immediate and unconditional restoration of the legitimate and Constitutional Government of the President of the Republic of Honduras, Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, and of the legally constituted authority in Honduras, in order for him to fulfil the mandate for which he was democratically elected by the Honduran people;

3. *Decides* to call firmly and unequivocally upon all States to recognize no Government other than that of the Constitutional President, Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales;

²¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310.

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4. *Expresses its firm support* for the regional efforts being undertaken pursuant to Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations to resolve the political crisis in Honduras;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly in a timely manner of the evolving situation in the country.

RESOLUTION 63/302

Adopted at the 95th plenary meeting, on 9 July 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.76, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

63/302. 2010 high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, by which it adopted the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

1. *Decides* to convene in 2010, at the commencement of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, a high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly, on dates to be decided, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and encourages all Member States to be represented at that level;

2. *Also decides* to hold consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly with a view to concluding consultations before the end of 2009 and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at the beginning of its sixty-fourth session.

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63/303. Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development

The General Assembly,

Noting the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, held in New York from 24 to 30 June 2009, and the adoption by the Conference of the outcome document,

Decides to endorse the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, annexed to the present resolution.

Annex

Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development

We, Heads of State and Government and High Representatives, met in New York from 24 to 30 June 2009 for the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development.

1. The world is confronted with the worst financial and economic crisis since the Great Depression. The evolving crisis, which began within the world's major financial centres, has spread throughout the global economy, causing severe social, political and economic impacts. We are deeply concerned about its adverse impact on development. This crisis is negatively affecting all countries, particularly developing countries, and threatening the livelihoods, well-being and

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development opportunities of millions of people. The crisis has not only highlighted long-standing systemic fragilities and imbalances, but has also led to an intensification of efforts to reform and strengthen the international financial system and architecture. Our challenge is to ensure that actions and responses to the crisis are commensurate with its scale, depth and urgency, adequately financed, promptly implemented and appropriately coordinated internationally.

2. We reaffirm the purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in its Charter, including “to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character” and “to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends”. The principles of the Charter are particularly relevant in addressing the current challenges. The United Nations, on the basis of its universal membership and legitimacy, is well positioned to participate in various reform processes aimed at improving and strengthening the effective functioning of the international financial system and architecture. This United Nations Conference is part of our collective effort towards recovery. It builds on and contributes to what already is being undertaken by diverse actors and in various forums, and is intended to support, inform and provide political impetus to future actions. This Conference also highlights the importance of the role of the United Nations in international economic issues.

3. Developing countries, which did not cause the global economic and financial crisis, are nonetheless severely affected by it. The economic and social progress achieved during recent years, in particular on internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, is now being threatened in developing countries, particularly least developed countries. This progress, partially underpinned by a period of high economic growth in many countries, needs to be secured and enhanced in the face of threats posed by the crisis. Our endeavours must be guided by the need to address the human costs of the crisis: an increase in the already unacceptable number of poor and vulnerable, particularly women and children, who suffer and die of hunger, malnutrition and preventable or curable disease; a rise in unemployment; the reduction in access to education and health services; and the current inadequacy of social protection in many countries. Women also face greater income insecurity and increased burdens of family care. These particular human costs have serious development consequences on the human security of those affected. An equitable global recovery requires the full participation of all countries in shaping appropriate responses to the crisis.

4. Although the financial and economic crisis has affected all countries, it is important to take into account the varying impacts and challenges of the crisis on the different categories of developing countries. The crisis is further endangering the achievement of their national development objectives, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals. We are particularly concerned about the impact on countries in special situations, including least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, and on African countries and countries emerging from conflict. We are equally concerned about the specific development challenges of middle-income countries and low-income countries with vulnerable and poor populations. For all these countries, the crisis presents unique challenges to their efforts to achieve their national development goals. Our collective responses to this crisis must be made with sensitivity to the specific needs of these different categories of developing countries, which include trade and market access, access to adequate financing and concessionary financing, capacity-building, strengthened support for sustainable development, financial and technical assistance, debt sustainability, trade facilitation measures, infrastructure development, peace and security, the Millennium Development Goals, and our previous international development commitments.

5. Peace, stability and prosperity are indivisible. In today’s globalized economy, all nations are far more closely tied together than ever before. The global reach of the crisis calls for prompt, decisive and coordinated action to address its causes, mitigate its impact and strengthen or establish the necessary mechanisms to help prevent similar crises in the future.

6. This Conference represents a milestone in an ongoing and concerted engagement by all States Members of the United Nations to address the crisis and its impact on development. Today, we have set forth our global consensus on the responses to this crisis, prioritized required actions

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and defined a clear role for the United Nations. We are doing so in the interest of all nations in order to achieve a more inclusive, equitable, balanced, development-oriented and sustainable economic development to help overcome poverty and inequality.

Present state of the world economy

7. This crisis is connected to multiple, interrelated global crises and challenges, such as increased food insecurity, volatile energy and commodity prices and climate change, as well as the lack of results so far in the multilateral trade negotiations and a loss of confidence in the international economic system. The global economic downturn is deeper than many early estimates, and the recovery is predicted to be gradual and varied. While some countries still experience positive, though much slower growth, the latest estimate of the United Nations indicates that world gross product will fall by 2.6 per cent in 2009, the first such decline since the Second World War. The crisis threatens to have calamitous human and development consequences. Millions of people all over the world are losing their jobs, their income, their savings and their homes. The World Bank estimates that more than 50 million people have already been driven into extreme poverty, particularly women and children. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations projects that the crisis will contribute to the number of hungry and undernourished people worldwide rising to a historic high of over one billion.

Impacts of the crisis

8. The crisis has produced or exacerbated serious, wide-ranging yet differentiated impacts across the globe. Since the crisis began, many States have reported negative impacts, which vary by country, region, level of development and severity, including the following:

- Rapid increases in unemployment, poverty and hunger
- Deceleration of growth, economic contraction
- Negative effects on trade balances and balance of payments
- Dwindling levels of foreign direct investment
- Large and volatile movements in exchange rates
- Growing budget deficits, falling tax revenues and reduction of fiscal space
- Contraction of world trade
- Increased volatility and falling prices for primary commodities
- Declining remittances to developing countries
- Sharply reduced revenues from tourism
- Massive reversal of private capital inflows
- Reduced access to credit and trade financing
- Reduced public confidence in financial institutions
- Reduced ability to maintain social safety nets and provide other social services, such as health and education
- Increased infant and maternal mortality
- Collapse of housing markets.

Causes of the crisis

9. The drivers of the financial and economic crisis are complex and multifaceted. We recognize that many of the main causes of the crisis are linked to systemic fragilities and imbalances that contributed to the inadequate functioning of the global economy. Major underlying factors in the

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current situation included inconsistent and insufficiently coordinated macroeconomic policies and inadequate structural reforms, which led to unsustainable global macroeconomic outcomes. These factors were made acute by major failures in financial regulation, supervision and monitoring of the financial sector, and inadequate surveillance and early warning. These regulatory failures, compounded by over-reliance on market self-regulation, overall lack of transparency, financial integrity and irresponsible behaviour, have led to excessive risk-taking, unsustainably high asset prices, irresponsible leveraging and high levels of consumption fuelled by easy credit and inflated asset prices. Financial regulators, policymakers and institutions failed to appreciate the full measure of risks in the financial system or address the extent of the growing economic vulnerabilities and their cross-border linkages. Insufficient emphasis on equitable human development has contributed to significant inequalities among countries and peoples. Other weaknesses of a systemic nature also contributed to the unfolding crisis, which has demonstrated the need for more effective government involvement to ensure an appropriate balance between the market and public interest.

Response to the crisis

10. We are all in this crisis together. While each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development, we will continue to work in solidarity on a vigorous, coordinated and comprehensive global response to the crisis in accordance with our respective abilities and responsibilities. Developed countries and emerging markets have taken the lead in restoring global growth. An immediate priority has been to stabilize the financial markets and restore confidence in them and counter falling demand and the recession. Major actions have already been taken to maintain macroeconomic stability and strengthen the international financial system. At the same time, strong and urgent actions are needed to counter the impact of the crisis on the most vulnerable populations and help to restore strong growth and recover lost ground in their progress towards our internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals. Therefore, an adequate share of any additional resources – both short-term liquidity and long-term development financing – will need to be made available to developing countries, especially the least developed countries. Although this crisis continues to have a significant impact on the peoples of the world, we believe that it represents an important opportunity for meaningful change. Going forward, our response must focus on creating jobs, increasing prosperity, strengthening access to health and education, correcting imbalances, designing and implementing environmentally and socially sustainable development paths and having a strong gender perspective. It must also strengthen the foundation for a fair, inclusive and sustainable globalization supported by renewed multilateralism. We are confident that we will emerge from this crisis stronger and more vigorous and more united.

The need for prompt and decisive action

11. We commit to working in solidarity on a coordinated and comprehensive global response to the crisis and to undertaking actions aimed at, inter alia:

- Restoring confidence and economic growth, and creating full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Safeguarding economic, development and social gains
- Providing adequate support for developing countries to address the human and social impacts of the crisis, in order to safeguard and build upon hard-won economic and development gains to date, including the progress being achieved towards the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals
- Ensuring long-term debt sustainability of developing countries
- Seeking to provide sufficient development resources to developing countries without unwarranted conditionalities
- Rebuilding trust in the financial sector and restoring lending

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- Promoting and revitalizing open trade and investment and rejecting protectionism
- Fostering an inclusive, green and sustainable recovery, and providing continued support for sustainable development efforts by developing countries
- Strengthening the role of the United Nations development system in responding to the economic crisis and its impact on development
- Reforming and strengthening the international financial and economic system and architecture, as appropriate, to adapt to current challenges
- Fostering good governance at all levels, including in the international financial institutions and financial markets
- Addressing the human and social impacts of the crisis.

Lines of action

Make the stimulus work for all

12. In attempting to combat the immediate impacts of the crisis, there have already been a number of responses at the national, regional and international levels. While acknowledging those efforts, we encourage greater cooperation and coordination among countries' fiscal and economic actions. Support for development is an essential and integral part of the solution to the global crisis, inter alia, through actions aimed at enhancing sustained economic growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development. We encourage countries, while implementing national stimulus measures, to avoid protectionism in any form and possible adverse impacts on third countries, particularly developing countries.

13. We encourage countries in a position to do so to utilize the room for fiscal stimulus that they possess, while also ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability. We also encourage individual countries to tailor their responses to their specific circumstances and use the available scope for domestic resource mobilization.

14. While a number of developed and emerging market economies have implemented stimulus packages, the majority of the world's developing countries lack fiscal space to implement countercyclical measures to combat the effects of the crisis and spur recovery. Many also face foreign-exchange shortages. In order to adequately respond to the crisis, developing countries will need a larger share of any additional resources – both short-term liquidity and long-term development financing. We call for an examination of mechanisms to ensure that adequate resources are provided to developing countries, especially the least developed countries. We underscore that developing countries should not be unduly financially burdened by the crisis and its impacts.

15. Developing countries facing an acute and severe shortage of foreign reserves because of the fallout of the crisis, which is negatively affecting their balance-of-payment situation, should not be denied the right to use legitimate trade defence measures in accordance with relevant provisions of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and, as a last resort, impose temporary capital restrictions and seek to negotiate agreements on temporary debt standstills between debtors and creditors, in order to help mitigate the adverse impacts of the crisis and stabilize macroeconomic developments.

16. We acknowledge the G20 summit held in London on 2 April 2009, and recognize its commitment to make available an additional \$1.1 trillion programme aimed at revitalizing the world economy. A major part of these funds will be available for use by emerging markets and developing countries. A limited share (\$50 billion) of these resources was targeted specifically to low-income countries. We call upon the G20 to further consider addressing the financial needs of developing countries, especially low-income countries. We also call upon all G20 countries to follow through with their commitments and to monitor the implementation of them. While

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recognizing the decisions taken by the G20, we are resolved to strengthen the role of the United Nations and its Member States in economic and financial affairs, including its coordinating role.

17. Countries must have the necessary flexibility to implement countercyclical measures and to pursue tailored and targeted responses to the crisis. We call for a streamlining of conditionalities to ensure that they are timely, tailored and targeted and support developing countries in the face of financial, economic and development challenges. In this context we note the recent improvement of the lending framework of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), through inter alia, modernizing conditionality, and the creation of more flexible instruments, such as a flexible credit line, as a welcome step. New and ongoing programmes should not contain unwarranted procyclical conditionalities. We call upon the multilateral development banks to move forward on flexible, concessional, fast-disbursing and front-loaded assistance designed to substantially and quickly assist developing countries facing financing gaps. While doing so, multilateral development banks need to assure the application of agreed safeguards to ensure their financial stability.

18. The increasing interdependence of national economies in a globalizing world and the emergence of rules-based regimes for international economic relations have meant that the space for national economic policy, that is, the scope for domestic policies, especially in the areas of trade, investment and international development, is now often framed by international disciplines and commitments and global market considerations. We recognize that these regimes, disciplines, commitments and considerations have presented challenges to many developing countries seeking to fashion a national response to the financial and economic crisis. We also recognize that many developing countries have called for opportunities to exercise greater policy flexibility within the scope of these constraints as a necessary component of recovery from the crisis and to address specific national concerns, which include, inter alia, the human and social impacts of the crisis, safeguarding progress achieved towards implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, effective use of credit and liquidity facilities, regulation of local financial markets, institutions, instruments and capital flows, and limited trade defence measures. It is for each Government to evaluate the trade-off between the benefits of accepting international rules and commitments and the constraints posed by the loss of policy space.

19. We recognize the continued importance of good governance along with national ownership of policies and strategies. We commit ourselves to the promotion of effective and efficient economic and financial institutions at all levels – key determinants of long-term economic growth and development. We also commit ourselves to accelerating our collective recovery from the crisis through improved transparency, eradication of corruption and strengthened governance. In this regard, we urge all States that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption²² and call upon all States parties to vigorously implement the Convention.

20. The crisis has disparate impacts across regions, subregions and countries. These heterogeneous impacts have added complexity to our common goal of eradicating poverty, reducing inequality and promoting human development. Given the sensitivity of regional and subregional institutions to the specific needs of their constituencies, we note the value of regional and subregional cooperation efforts in meeting the challenges of the global economic crisis and we encourage enhanced regional and subregional cooperation, for example, through regional and subregional development banks, commercial and reserve currency arrangements, and other regional initiatives, as contributions to the multilateral response to the current crisis and to improved resilience to potential future crises.

²² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.

Contain the effects of the crisis and improve future global resilience

21. This crisis does not affect only the economic and financial sectors. We recognize the human and social impacts of the crisis and the inherent challenges involved in addressing them. Short-term mitigation measures should take into account long-term goals, especially those related to poverty eradication; sustainable development, including environmental protection and clean and renewable energy; food security; gender equality; health; education; and sustained economic growth, including full and productive employment and decent work for all. Strengthening existing social safety nets, establishing new ones where needed and protecting social expenditures are important for the advancement of people-centred development and addressing the human and social impacts of the crisis. We reaffirm our commitment to the timely achievement of our internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

22. Closer cooperation and strong partnership between the United Nations development system, regional development banks and the World Bank and their scaled-up efforts can effectively address the needs of those hardest hit and ensure that their plight is not ignored. We call for the mobilization of additional resources for social protection, food security and human development through all sources of development finance, including voluntary bilateral contributions, to strengthen the foundation for early and sustained economic and social recovery in developing countries, particularly least developed countries. Such additional resources should be channelled through existing institutions such as the United Nations development system, the World Bank-proposed vulnerability fund and framework and multilateral development banks, where appropriate. These funds, including those for the United Nations development system, should be provided on a predictable basis. Furthermore, we stress the importance of the United Nations development system, given its broad field presence, in supporting the activities at the country level to mitigate the impact of the crisis in developing countries.

23. We commit ourselves to strengthening the ability of the United Nations to fulfil its development mandate. United Nations funds and programmes and United Nations agencies, in accordance with their respective mandates, have an important role to play in advancing development and in protecting development gains, in accordance with national strategies and priorities, including progress towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, threatened by the current economic crisis. The United Nations should use the current economic situation as an opportunity to redouble its efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its development programmes in support of system-wide coherence. We recognize the unique role of the United Nations as an inclusive forum to promote a better understanding of the social and economic impact of the crisis and to fashion appropriate responses.

24. We acknowledge that the current economic crisis has the potential to increase the need for resources for humanitarian assistance in developing countries. We stress the need to take measures to ensure adequate resources for international cooperation in the provision of humanitarian assistance.

25. The crisis has severely impacted on international trade in most countries, especially developing countries. For many developing countries, these impacts include, among others, falling exports and loss of export revenue, diminishing access to trade finance, reductions in export-oriented and infrastructure investment, lower fiscal revenues and balance-of-payment problems. We undertake to resist all protectionist tendencies and rectify any protectionist measures already taken. At the same time we recognize the right of countries to fully utilize their flexibilities consistent with their WTO commitments and obligations. It is important that we contribute to the efforts of WTO and other relevant bodies to monitor and report on protectionist measures, including on how they affect developing countries.

26. We must also fully harness the potential of trade as an engine of sustained economic growth and development in our efforts to overcome this crisis. In this regard, we reaffirm our commitment to a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system. We reaffirm that international trade is an engine for development and sustained economic growth. We

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therefore reiterate our call for an early, ambitious, successful and balanced conclusion to the Doha Round that increases market access, generates increased trade flows and places the needs of developing countries at its centre. We welcome the commitment to implement duty-free and quota-free access for least developed countries, as agreed in the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration,²³ to make operationally effective the principle of special and differential treatment for developing countries; to the parallel elimination of all forms of export subsidies; to disciplines on all export measures with equivalent effect; to substantial reductions in trade-distorting domestic support, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Round and the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration; and to meet existing aid-for-trade pledges. We also reaffirm the need to make progress on the implementation of the WTO work programme on small economies, mandated in the Doha Ministerial Declaration.²⁴

27. Migrant workers are among the most vulnerable in the context of the current crisis. Remittances, which are significant private financial resources for households in countries of origin of migration, have been seriously affected by rising unemployment and weak earnings growth among migrant workers, particularly in advanced economies. We should resist unfair and discriminatory treatment of migrant workers and the imposition of unreasonable restrictions on labour migration in order to maximize the benefits of international migration, while complying with the relevant national legislation and applicable international instruments. We recognize the important contribution of migrant workers for both countries of origin and destination. We commit ourselves to allowing labour migration to meet labour market needs.

28. An effective response to the current economic crisis requires timely implementation of existing aid commitments. There is an urgent need for all donors to maintain and deliver on their existing bilateral and multilateral official development assistance (ODA) commitments and targets made, inter alia, in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,²⁵ the Monterrey Consensus²⁶ and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,²⁷ at the G8 summit in Gleneagles, in the Doha Declaration²⁸ and at the G20 London summit. We underline that the fulfilment of all ODA commitments is crucial, including the commitments by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product (GNP) for ODA to developing countries by 2015 and to reach the level of at least 0.5 per cent of GNP for ODA by 2010, as well as a target of 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of GNP for ODA to least developed countries. We recognize that many developed countries have established timetables to reach the level of at least 0.5 per cent for ODA by 2010. We encourage other donors to work on national timetables, by the end of 2010, to increase aid levels within their respective budget allocation processes towards achieving the established ODA targets. The full implementation of these commitments will substantially boost the resources available to push forward the international development agenda and to assist developing countries to mitigate and more effectively respond to the crisis in accordance with their national strategies. Donors should review and, if appropriate, increase or redirect their assistance to developing countries to enable them to mitigate and more effectively respond to the crisis in accordance with their national strategies.

29. We emphasize the importance for all development actors to continue to pursue economic and governance reforms and other steps to improve the effectiveness of aid based on the fundamental principles of national ownership, alignment, harmonization and managing for results.

²³ World Trade Organization, document WT/MIN(05)/DEC. Available from <http://docsonline.wto.org>.

²⁴ A/C.2/56/7, annex.

²⁵ See resolution 55/2.

²⁶ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

²⁷ See resolution 60/1.

²⁸ See resolution 63/239, annex.

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30. We also encourage developing countries in a position to do so to continue to make concrete efforts to increase and make more effective their South-South cooperation initiatives, in accordance with the principles of aid effectiveness. We reiterate our support for South-South cooperation, as well as triangular cooperation, which provide much-needed additional resources for the implementation of development programmes.

31. New voluntary and innovative forms of financing can contribute to addressing our global problems. We encourage the scaling up of development finance from existing sources and the establishment, where appropriate, of new voluntary and innovative sources of financing initiatives to provide additional stable sources of development finance, which should supplement and not be a substitute for traditional sources of finance and should be disbursed in accordance with the priorities of developing countries and not unduly burden them. We reiterate our request to the Secretary-General to produce a progress report by the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, taking into account all existing initiatives.

32. The crisis must not delay the necessary global response to climate change and environmental degradation, taking into account the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. We acknowledge that the response to the crisis presents an opportunity to promote green economy initiatives. In this regard, we encourage the utilization of national stimulus packages, for those countries in a position to do so, to contribute to sustainable development, sustainable long-term growth, promotion of full and productive employment and decent work for all and poverty eradication. It is important that global green initiatives and proposals be inclusive and address sustainable development and environmental challenges and opportunities, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, financing and technology transfer to developing countries and sustainable forest management. We also encourage private-sector participation in these initiatives at the national level in accordance with national development strategies and priorities. We look forward to a successful outcome of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009, as part of our overall efforts for a green recovery from the crisis.

33. The deepening crisis threatens to increase the debt and therefore threatens the debt sustainability of developing countries. This growing pressure limits the ability of these States to enact the appropriate fiscal measures to mitigate the impact of the crisis or engage in development financing. We affirm that the appropriate measures must be taken to mitigate the negative effects of the crisis on the indebtedness of developing States and to avoid a new debt crisis. In that regard, we support making full use of the existing flexibility within the Debt Sustainability Framework.

34. We call upon States to redouble efforts to honour their commitments regarding debt relief and stress the responsibility of all debtors and creditors on the issue of debt sustainability, and emphasize the importance of equivalent treatment of all creditors. Donors and multilateral financial institutions should also increasingly consider providing grants and concessional loans as the preferred modalities of their financial support instruments to ensure debt sustainability. We will also explore enhanced approaches to the restructuring of sovereign debt based on existing frameworks and principles, broad creditors' and debtors' participation and comparable burden-sharing among creditors. We will also explore the need and feasibility of a more structured framework for international cooperation in this area.

35. We recognize that increases in global liquidity play a useful role in overcoming the financial crisis. Therefore, we strongly support and call for early implementation of the new general special drawing right (SDR) allocation of \$250 billion. We also call for the urgent ratification of the fourth amendment to the IMF Articles of Agreement for a special one-time allocation of SDRs, as approved by the IMF Board of Governors in September 1997. We recognize the need for keeping under review the allocation of SDRs for development purposes. We also recognize the potential of expanded SDRs to help increase global liquidity in response to the urgent financial shortfalls caused by this crisis and to help prevent future crises. This potential should be further studied.

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36. The crisis has intensified calls by some States for reform of the current global reserve system to overcome its insufficiencies. We acknowledge the calls by many States for further study of the feasibility and advisability of a more efficient reserve system, including the possible function of SDRs in any such system and the complementary roles that could be played by various regional arrangements. We also acknowledge the importance of seeking consensus on the parameters of such a study and its implementation. We recognize the existence of new and existing regional and subregional economic and financial cooperation initiatives to address, inter alia, the liquidity shortfalls and the short-term balance-of-payment difficulties among its members.

Improved regulation and monitoring

37. The current crisis has revealed many deficiencies in national and international financial regulation and supervision. We recognize the critical need for expanding the scope of regulation and supervision and making it more effective, with respect to all major financial centres, instruments and actors, including financial institutions, credit rating agencies and hedge funds. The need for tighter and more coordinated regulation of incentives, derivatives and the trading of standardized contracts is also apparent. We reject the imposition of needlessly onerous regulatory requirements, and call for effective, credible and enforceable regulations at all levels to ensure the needed transparency and oversight of the financial system. Every relevant institution must be subject to adequate and proportionate surveillance and regulation. We underscore that each country should adequately regulate its financial markets, institutions and instruments consistent with its development priorities and circumstances, as well as its international commitments and obligations. We underscore the importance of political commitment and of capacity-building to ensure that the measures taken are fully implemented.

38. We emphasize the need to ensure that all tax jurisdictions and financial centres comply with standards of transparency and regulation. We reiterate the need to further promote international cooperation in tax matters, including within the United Nations, inter alia, by promoting double taxation agreements. Inclusive and cooperative frameworks should ensure the involvement and equal treatment of all jurisdictions. We call for consistent and non-discriminatory implementation of transparency requirements and international standards for exchange of information.

39. Illicit financial flows are estimated to amount to several times global ODA and have a harmful effect on development financing. Measures to enhance regulation and supervision of and transparency in the formal and informal financial system should include steps to curb illicit financial flows in all countries. Improving the transparency of the global financial system also deters illicit financial flows, including to international financial centres, and enhances the ability to detect illicit activities.

40. The current crisis has been compounded by an initial failure to appreciate the full scope of the risks accumulating in the financial markets and their potential to destabilize the international financial system and the global economy. We recognize the need for even-handed and effective IMF surveillance of major financial centres, international capital flows and financial markets. In this context, we welcome the improvement of early warning systems by the relevant international institutions to provide early warning of macroeconomic and financial risks and the actions needed to address them.

41. The ongoing crisis has highlighted the extent to which our economies are integrated, the indivisibility of our collective well-being and the unsustainability of a narrow focus on short-term gains. We reaffirm the principles of sustainable development and underscore the need for a global consensus on the key values and principles that will promote sustainable, fair and equitable economic development. We believe that corporate social and environmental responsibility are important elements of such a consensus. In this regard we recognize the importance of the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

Reform of the international financial and economic system and architecture

42. This crisis has added new impetus to ongoing international discussions on the reform of the international financial system and architecture, including issues related to mandate, scope, governance, responsiveness and development orientation as appropriate. There is consensus on the need for continued reform and modernization of the international financial institutions to better enable them to respond to the current financial and economic challenges and to the needs of Member States, and to better equip them to strengthen existing monitoring, surveillance, technical assistance and coordination roles to help prevent the occurrence of similar crises in the future, in accordance with their respective mandates.

43. We stress the urgent need for further reform of the governance of the Bretton Woods institutions, on the basis of a fair and equitable representation of developing countries, in order to increase the credibility and accountability of these institutions. These reforms must reflect current realities and should enhance the perspective and voice and participation of dynamic emerging markets and developing countries, including the poorest.

44. We call for an expeditious completion of the reform process of the World Bank's governance and of an accelerated road map for further reforms on voice and participation of developing countries, with a view to reaching agreement by April 2010, based on an approach that reflects its development mandate and with the involvement of all shareholders in a transparent, consultative and inclusive process. We also call for inclusive consultations on further reforms to improve the responsiveness and adaptability of the World Bank.

45. It is imperative that the reformed World Bank emerge with the requisite technical capacities, credit facilities and financial resources needed to assist and complement the efforts of developing countries aimed at achieving their overall development needs.

46. We recognize the importance of strengthening regional development banks, taking into account the interests of all their member countries. It is also important for them to provide medium- and long-term assistance to meet the development needs of their clients. We support measures to enhance the financial and lending capacity of regional development banks. Furthermore, we recognize the importance of other regional, interregional and subregional initiatives and arrangements aimed at promoting development, cooperation and solidarity among their members.

47. We recognize that it is imperative to undertake, as a matter of priority, a comprehensive and fast-tracked reform of IMF. We look forward to this accelerated progress in order to increase its credibility and accountability. We acknowledge the agreement to accelerate the implementation of the package of IMF quota and voice reforms agreed in April 2008. We strongly support completion of the next quota review, which, based on current trends, is expected to result in an increase in the quota shares of dynamic economies, particularly in the share of emerging market and developing countries as a whole, to be completed no later than January 2011, thus enhancing the legitimacy and effectiveness of the Fund.

48. We reaffirm the need to address the often expressed concern at the extent of representation of developing countries in the major standard-setting bodies. We therefore welcome, as a step in the right direction, the expansion of the membership in the Financial Stability Board and the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and encourage the major standard-setting bodies to further review their membership promptly while enhancing their effectiveness, with a view to enhancing the representation of developing countries as appropriate.

49. We agree that the heads and senior leadership of the international financial institutions, particularly the Bretton Woods institutions, should be appointed through open, transparent and merit-based selection processes, with due regard to gender equality and geographical and regional representation.

50. The United Nations and the international financial institutions have complementary mandates that make the coordination of their actions crucial. Accordingly, we encourage continued and increasing cooperation, coordination and coherence and exchanges between the

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United Nations and the international financial institutions. In this regard, we believe that this Conference represents an important step to ensure increased cooperation.

The way forward

51. We have come together to raise our collective understanding of the impacts of the crisis and to contribute in the fashioning of the global response, in an inclusive manner, with actions at the national, regional and international levels.

52. We will strive to combine our short-term responses to meet the immediate impact of the financial and economic crisis, particularly on the most vulnerable countries, with medium- and long-term responses that necessarily involve the pursuit of development and the review of the global economic system. In this context, we propose the following course of action:

(a) Strengthen the capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations; enhance the coherence and coordination of policies and actions between the United Nations, international financial institutions and relevant regional organizations;

(b) Further develop the United Nations development system's comprehensive crisis response in support of national development strategies through a coordinated approach by United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies and the international financial institutions at the country level. The response must continue to be led by programme countries and, in this context, address vulnerabilities caused or exacerbated by the crisis and further strengthen national ownership. It should build on steps already taken by the United Nations development system, in particular at the country level. We urge the international community to ensure adequate support to the United Nations development system's crisis response;

(c) Explore ways to strengthen international cooperation in the area of international migration and development, in order to address the challenges of the current economic and financial crisis on migration and migrants, taking into account the related work and activities of the United Nations funds and programmes, regional commissions and specialized agencies and of other international organizations, such as the International Organization for Migration.

53. We request the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the United Nations funds and programmes and specialized agencies, to take full advantage of their advocacy role to promote the recovery and development of the developing countries, especially the most vulnerable among them.

54. We invite the General Assembly to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow up on the issues contained in the present outcome document, and to submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly before the end of the sixty-fourth session.

55. We encourage the President of the General Assembly to make the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development a main theme of the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

56. We request the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To consider the promotion and enhancement of a coordinated response of the United Nations development system and specialized agencies in the follow-up to and implementation of this outcome document, in order to advance consistency and coherence in support of consensus-building around policies related to the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development;

(b) To make recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Doha Declaration of 2 December 2008, for a strengthened and more effective and inclusive intergovernmental process to carry out the financing for development follow-up;

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(c) Examine the strengthening of institutional arrangements to promote international cooperation in tax matters, including the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters;

(d) Review the implementation of the agreements between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in collaboration with these institutions, focusing in particular on enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as on the opportunities for contributing to advancing their respective mandates;

(e) Consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the possible establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world economic and financial crisis and its impact on development. The panel could provide independent technical expertise and analysis, which would contribute to informing international action and political decision-making and fostering constructive dialogues and exchanges among policymakers, academics, institutions and civil society.

57. We request the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council on a regular basis on the work of the High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis.

58. We invite the International Labour Organization to present the “Global Jobs Pact”, adopted at the ninety-eighth session of the International Labour Conference, to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2009, which intends to promote a job-intensive recovery from the crisis, drawing on the decent work agenda, and to shape a pattern for sustainable growth.

59. We encourage the Inter-Parliamentary Union to continue to contribute to the development of global responses to the crisis.

RESOLUTION 63/304

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.61/Rev.1 and Add.1, sponsored by: Portugal, Sudan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

63/304. Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa,²⁹ its resolution 53/92 of 7 December 1998 and subsequent annual resolutions, including resolutions 60/223 of 23 December 2005, 61/230 of 22 December 2006 and 62/275 of 11 September 2008, as well as its resolutions 62/179 of 19 December 2007 on the New Partnership for Africa’s Development and 59/213 of 20 December 2004 on cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union,

Recalling also in this context Security Council resolutions 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa, 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 and 1820 (2008) of 19 June 2008 on women and peace and security, 1366 (2001) of 30 August 2001 on the role of the Council in the prevention of armed conflicts, 1612 (2005) of 26 July 2005 on children and armed conflict, 1625 (2005) of 14 September 2005 on strengthening the effectiveness of the Council’s role in conflict prevention, particularly in Africa, and 1631 (2005) of 17 October 2005 on cooperation

²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/56/45).*

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between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security,

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome,³⁰ through which world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the special needs of Africa, and its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006,

Reaffirming the political declaration on Africa's development needs adopted at the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs on 22 September 2008,³¹

Recognizing that development, peace, security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

Stressing that the responsibility for peace and security in Africa, including the capacity to address the root causes of conflict and to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner, lies primarily with African countries, while recognizing the need for support from the international community and the United Nations, taking into account the responsibilities of the United Nations in this regard, according to the Charter,

Recognizing, in particular, the importance of strengthening the capacity of the African Union and subregional organizations to address the causes of conflict in Africa,

Noting that despite the positive trends and advances in obtaining durable peace in Africa, the conditions required for sustainable development have yet to be consolidated throughout the continent and that there is therefore an urgent need to continue developing African human and institutional capacities, particularly in countries emerging from conflict,

Noting also that conflict prevention and the consolidation of peace would benefit from the coordinated, sustained and integrated efforts of the United Nations system and Member States and regional and subregional organizations, as well as international and regional financial institutions,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the synergy between Africa's economic and social development programmes and its peace and security agenda,

Underlining the need to address the negative implications of the illegal exploitation of natural resources in all its aspects for peace, security and development in Africa, and condemning illicit trade in natural resources that fuels armed conflict, and the illicit trade in and proliferation of arms, especially small arms and light weapons,

Reaffirming the importance of the Peacebuilding Commission as a dedicated mechanism to address, within its existing mandate and in an integrated manner, the special needs of countries emerging from conflict towards recovery, reintegration and reconstruction and to assist them in laying the foundation for peace and sustainable development, taking into consideration the principle of national ownership,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General³² on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his report on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,³³ and welcomes recent institutional developments in addressing such causes and other efforts in conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding undertaken by African countries, African regional organizations and the United Nations system;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made, in particular by the African Union and subregional organizations, in the prevention, management and resolution of conflict and in post-conflict

³⁰ See resolution 60/1.

³¹ See resolution 63/1.

³² A/63/212.

³³ A/52/871-S/1998/318.

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peacebuilding in a number of African countries, and calls for intensified efforts and a coordinated approach between national Governments, the African Union, subregional organizations, the United Nations system and partners with a view to achieving further progress towards the goal of a conflict-free Africa;

3. *Also welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the African Union and subregional organizations to strengthen their peacekeeping capacity and to take the lead in peacekeeping operations on the continent, in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and in close coordination with the United Nations, through the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, as well as ongoing efforts to develop a continental early warning system, response capacity, such as the African Standby Force, and enhanced mediation capacity, including through the Panel of the Wise;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and Member States to support the peace consolidation mechanisms and processes, including the Panel of the Wise, the African Union Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Framework and the early warning system, as well as the operationalization of the African Standby Force;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to support relevant United Nations bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission, and to assist post-conflict countries, at their request, in achieving a smooth transition from relief to development;

6. *Stresses* the importance of creating an environment conducive to national reconciliation and social and economic recovery in countries emerging from conflict;

7. *Invites* the United Nations and the donor community to increase efforts to support ongoing regional efforts to build African mediation and negotiation capacity;

8. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and Member States to support the African Union in its effort to effectively integrate training in international humanitarian law and international human rights law, with particular emphasis on the rights of women and children, in the training of civilian and military personnel of national standby contingents at both the operational and tactical levels, as set out in article 13 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;³⁴

9. *Recognizes* that international and regional efforts to prevent conflict and consolidate peace in Africa should be channelled towards the sustainable development of Africa and the human and institutional capacity-building of African countries and organizations, particularly in priority areas identified at the continental level;

10. *Recalls* the signing of the declaration on enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union in Addis Ababa on 16 November 2006³⁵ and the ongoing efforts in this regard, and underlines the importance of the implementation of the ten-year capacity-building programme for the African Union, focusing mainly on peace and security, in particular the operationalization of the African Standby Force, urges all stakeholders to support the full implementation of the ten-year capacity-building programme, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his 1998 report³³ a detailed account of the progress achieved in this regard;

11. *Stresses* the critical importance of a regional approach to conflict prevention, in particular with respect to cross-border issues such as disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes, the prevention of illegal exploitation of natural resources and trafficking in high-value commodities and the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, and emphasizes in this regard the central role of the African Union and subregional organizations in addressing such issues;

³⁴ Available from www.africa-union.org.

³⁵ A/61/630, annex.

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12. *Notes with concern* that violence against women and children everywhere continues and often increases, even as armed conflicts draw to an end, urges further progress in the implementation of policies and guidelines relating to the protection of and assistance to women and children in conflict and post-conflict situations, and notes the adoption by the Security Council of its resolution 1820 (2008) on women and peace and security;

13. *Also notes with concern* the tragic plight of children in conflict situations in Africa, in particular the phenomenon of child soldiers, as well as other grave violations against children, and stresses the need for the protection of children in armed conflicts, post-conflict counselling, rehabilitation and education, with due regard for the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

14. *Calls for* the enhancement of the role of women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict peacebuilding, consistent with Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008);

15. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the African Union to ensure the protection of the rights of women in conflict and post-conflict situations, recalls in this regard the adoption and entry into force of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (2003), the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (2004) and the African Union Gender Policy (2009),³⁴ as well as the Southern African Development Community Protocol on Gender and Development (2008),³⁶ stresses the significance of those instruments for all countries in Africa in strengthening the role of women in peace and conflict prevention on the continent, and strongly urges the United Nations and all parties to redouble their efforts and support in this regard;

16. *Calls for* the safeguarding of the principle of refugee protection and the resolution of the plight of refugees, including through support for efforts aimed at addressing the causes of refugee movement and bringing about the safe and sustainable return and reintegration of those populations;

17. *Welcomes* African-led initiatives to strengthen political, economic and corporate governance, such as the African Peer Review Mechanism, encourages even more African countries to join this process, and calls upon the United Nations system and Member States to assist African Member States and regional and subregional organizations in their efforts to enhance good governance, including the promotion of the rule of law and the holding of free and fair elections;

18. *Recognizes* the role of the Peacebuilding Commission in ensuring that national ownership of the peacebuilding process in countries emerging from conflict is observed and that nationally identified priorities are at the core of international and regional efforts in post-conflict peacebuilding in the countries under consideration, notes the important steps taken by the Commission in engaging with Sierra Leone, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau and the Central African Republic through integrated peacebuilding strategies, calls for sustained regional and international commitment to the implementation of those strategies and their design process, recalls the adoption of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework³⁷ and the Strategic Frameworks for Peacebuilding in Burundi³⁸ and in Guinea-Bissau,³⁹ and calls for their implementation;

³⁶ Available from www.sadc.int.

³⁷ PBC/2/SLE/1.

³⁸ PBC/1/BDI/4, annex.

³⁹ PBC/3/GNB/3.

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19. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the expert group meeting on “Promoting partnerships in support of African Peer Review Mechanism implementation”, held in Ethiopia in November 2007,⁴⁰ and invites the United Nations system and Member States to take those conclusions into account in support of good governance in Africa;

20. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and invites Member States to assist African countries emerging from conflict in their efforts to build national capacities of governance, including the rehabilitation of the security sector, the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants, provision for the safe return of internally displaced persons and refugees, the launch of income-generation activities, particularly for youth and women, and the delivery of basic public services;

21. *Stresses* the importance of effectively addressing challenges that continue to hamper the achievement of peace, stability and sustainable development on the continent, inter alia, the food, fuel and financial crises, the increased prevalence of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, the effects of global warming and climate change, the extremely high rates of youth unemployment, human trafficking, massive displacements of people, the illegal exploitation of natural resources, the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, the emergence of terrorist networks and the increased activity of transnational organized crime, including drug trafficking, and in this regard encourages the United Nations system and Member States to assist African countries in effectively addressing these challenges;

22. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and Member States, as well as bilateral and multilateral partners, to deliver expeditiously on commitments and to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the provisions of the political declaration on Africa’s development needs,³¹

23. *Encourages* African Governments to strengthen structures and policies to create an environment conducive to attracting foreign direct investment, calls upon African Member States and regional and subregional organizations to assist the African countries concerned, at their request, by enhancing their capacity to devise and improve their national natural resources and public revenue management structures, and in this regard invites the international community to assist in that process by providing adequate financial and technical assistance, as well as by renewing its commitment to efforts aimed at combating the illegal exploitation of the natural resources of those countries in conformity with international law;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the outcome of the review of the recommendations contained in his 1998 report,³³ focusing on new and emerging challenges and persistent obstacles, as well as innovative solutions, gains and accomplishments, in the attainment of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, with due regard for the complexities of the transition from fragile peace to long-term sustainable development that many African countries are undergoing;

25. *Decides* to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the 1998 report of the Secretary-General,³³

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

RESOLUTION 63/305

Adopted at the 102nd plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.77, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

⁴⁰ Available from www.un.org/africa/osaa/reports.html.

63/305. Establishment of an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/303 of 9 July 2009, by which it endorsed by consensus the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development,⁴¹

Recognizing the depth of the current financial and economic crisis and the urgency of follow-up action,

Reaffirming that this process shall continue to be driven by Member States,

1. *Decides* to establish immediately an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development;⁴¹

2. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly before the end of the sixty-fourth session.

RESOLUTION 63/306

Adopted at the 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.70/Rev.1 and Add.1, sponsored by: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Niger, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Viet Nam

63/306. Multilingualism

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the United Nations pursues multilingualism as a means of promoting, protecting and preserving diversity of languages and cultures globally,

Recognizing also that genuine multilingualism promotes unity in diversity and international understanding, and recognizing the importance of the capacity to communicate to the peoples of the world in their own languages, including in formats accessible to persons with disabilities,

Stressing the need for strict observance of the resolutions and rules establishing language arrangements for the different bodies and organs of the United Nations,

Emphasizing the importance of multilingualism in the activities of the United Nations, including those linked to public relations and information,

Recalling its resolution 47/135 of 18 December 1992, by which it adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴² in particular article 27 thereof, concerning the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities,

⁴¹ Resolution 63/303, annex.

⁴² See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

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Recalling also its resolutions 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 42/207 C of 11 December 1987, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 52/23 of 25 November 1997, 54/64 of 6 December 1999, 56/262 of 15 February 2002, 59/309 of 22 June 2005, 61/244 of 22 December 2006, 61/266 of 16 May 2007, 63/100 B of 5 December 2008, 63/248 of 24 December 2008 and 63/280 of 8 May 2009,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁴³ and the note by which the Secretary-General transmitted the final report on the impact of the activities carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization during the International Year of Languages (2008);⁴⁴

2. *Also takes note* of the appointment of a new Coordinator for Multilingualism, and calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to develop the informal network of focal points in order to support the Coordinator;

3. *Emphasizes* the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations;

4. *Underlines* the need for full implementation of the resolutions establishing language arrangements for the official languages of the United Nations and the working languages of the Secretariat;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of those services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to complete the task of uploading all important older United Nations documents onto the United Nations website in all six official languages on a priority basis, so that those archives are also available to Member States through that medium;

7. *Reiterates* that all content-providing offices in the Secretariat should continue their efforts to translate into all official languages all English-language materials and databases posted on the United Nations website in the most practical, efficient and cost-effective manner;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure, through the provision of documentation services and meeting and publishing services under conference management, including high-quality translation and interpretation, effective multilingual communication among representatives of Member States in intergovernmental organs and members of expert bodies of the United Nations equally in all the official languages of the United Nations;

9. *Stresses* the importance of providing United Nations information, technical assistance and training materials, whenever possible, in the local languages of the beneficiary countries;

10. *Recalls* its resolution 63/248, in which it reaffirmed the provisions relating to conference services in its resolutions on multilingualism;

11. *Acknowledges* the measures undertaken by the Secretary-General, in accordance with its resolutions, to address the issue of the replacement of retiring staff in the language services, and requests the Secretary-General to maintain and intensify those efforts, including through the strengthening of cooperation with institutions that train language specialists to meet the need in the six official languages of the United Nations;

⁴³ A/63/338.

⁴⁴ A/63/752.

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12. *Notes with satisfaction* the willingness of the Secretariat to encourage staff members, in meetings with interpretation services, to use any of the six official languages of which they have a command;

13. *Reiterates with concern* its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the rules concerning the simultaneous distribution of documents in all six official languages are strictly respected as regards both the distribution of printed copies and the posting of parliamentary documentation on the Official Document System and the United Nations website, in keeping with section III, paragraph 5, of its resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of:

(a) Making appropriate use of all the official languages of the United Nations in all the activities of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, with the aim of eliminating the disparity between the use of English and the use of the five other official languages;

(b) Ensuring the full and equitable treatment of all the official languages of the United Nations in all the activities of the Department of Public Information;

and, in this regard, reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department has appropriate staffing capacity in all the official languages of the United Nations to undertake all its activities;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure that, in accordance with their income-generating nature, guided tours at United Nations Headquarters are consistently available, in particular, in all six official languages of the United Nations;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to develop and maintain multilingual United Nations websites, from within existing resources, including efforts to keep the Secretary-General's web page up to date in all the official languages of the United Nations;

17. *Reaffirms* the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on United Nations websites;

18. *Also reaffirms* that the United Nations website is an essential tool for Member States, the media, educational institutions, the general public and non-governmental organizations, and reiterates the continued need for efforts by the Department of Public Information to maintain and improve it;

19. *Further reaffirms* its request to the Secretary-General to ensure, while maintaining an up-to-date and accurate website, the adequate distribution of financial and human resources within the Department of Public Information allocated to the United Nations website among all official languages, taking into consideration the specificity of each official language, on a continuous basis;

20. *Notes with concern* that the multilingual development and enrichment of the United Nations website in several official languages has improved at a much slower rate than expected, and, in this regard, requests the Department of Public Information, in coordination with content-providing offices, to improve the actions taken to achieve parity among the six official languages on the United Nations website, in particular by expediting the filling of current vacant posts in some sections;

21. *Requests* the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Secretariat, to continue its efforts to ensure that technological infrastructures and supportive applications fully support Latin, non-Latin and bidirectional scripts in order to enhance the equality of all official languages on the United Nations website;

22. *Welcomes* the cooperative arrangements undertaken by the Department of Public Information with academic institutions in order to increase the number of web pages available in some official languages, and requests the Secretary-General, in coordination with content-

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providing offices, to extend these cooperative arrangements, in a cost-effective manner, to all the official languages of the United Nations, bearing in mind the necessity of adherence to United Nations standards and guidelines;

23. *Notes with satisfaction* the official launch of iSeek in Geneva in the two working languages of the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to implement iSeek at all duty stations as well as to develop and implement cost-neutral measures to provide Member States with secure access to the information currently accessible only on the Intranet of the Secretariat;

24. *Notes with appreciation* the work carried out by the United Nations information centres, including the United Nations Regional Information Centre, in favour of the publication of United Nations information materials and the translation of important documents into languages other than the official languages of the United Nations, with a view to reaching the widest possible audience and extending the United Nations message to all corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization, and encourages United Nations information centres to continue their multilingual activities in the interactive and proactive aspects of their work, especially by arranging seminars and debates to further the spread of information and the understanding and exchange of views regarding United Nations activities at the local level;

25. *Recalls* its resolution 61/244, in which it reaffirmed the need to respect the equality of the two working languages of the Secretariat, reaffirmed the use of additional working languages in specific duty stations as mandated, and, in that regard, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that vacancy announcements specified the need for either of the working languages of the Secretariat, unless the functions of the post required a specific working language;

26. *Also recalls* section II, paragraph 17, of its resolution 61/244, in which it acknowledged that the interaction of the United Nations with the local population in the field was essential and that language skills constituted an important element of the selection and training processes, and therefore affirmed that a good command of the official language(s) spoken in the country of residence should be taken into account as an additional asset during those processes;

27. *Takes note* of section II.E.2 of the report of the Secretary-General,⁴³ requests the Secretary-General to continue his ongoing efforts in this regard, and further recalls its resolution 63/280 without prejudice to Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

28. *Stresses* that the employment of staff shall continue to be carried out in strict accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and in line with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions;

29. *Also stresses* that the promotion of staff in the Professional and higher categories shall be carried out in strict accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and in line with the provisions of resolution 2480 B (XXIII) and the relevant provisions of resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001;

30. *Encourages* United Nations staff members to continue actively to use existing training facilities to acquire and enhance their proficiency in one or more of the official languages of the United Nations;

31. *Recalls* that linguistic diversity is an important element of cultural diversity, and takes note of the entry into force, on 18 March 2007, of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions,⁴⁵

32. *Also recalls* paragraph 25 (a) of its resolution 61/266, and welcomes the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Member States, the United Nations system and all other participating bodies aimed at fostering respect for and the promotion

⁴⁵ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-third Session, Paris, 3–21 October 2005*, vol.1 and corrigenda: *Resolutions*, chap. V, resolution 41.

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and protection of all languages, in particular endangered ones, linguistic diversity and multilingualism;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a comprehensive report on the full implementation of its resolutions on multilingualism;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Multilingualism".

RESOLUTION 63/307

Adopted at the 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, by a recorded vote of 48 to 19, with 78 abstentions,* on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.79, sponsored by Georgia

* *In favour:* Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu

Against: Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe

Abstaining: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Zambia

63/307. Status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons, including its resolutions 62/153 of 18 December 2007 and 62/249 of 15 May 2008,

Recalling also all relevant Security Council resolutions on Georgia relating to the need for all parties to work towards a comprehensive peace and the return of internally displaced persons and refugees to their places of origin, and stressing the importance of their full and timely implementation,

Recognizing the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement⁴⁶ as the key international framework for the protection of internally displaced persons,

Concerned by forced demographic changes resulting from the conflicts in Georgia,

Concerned also by the humanitarian situation caused by armed conflict in August 2008, which resulted in the further forced displacement of civilians,

Mindful of the urgent need to find a solution to the problems related to forced displacement in Georgia,

⁴⁶ E/CN.4/1998/53/Add.2, annex.

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Underlining the importance of the discussions that commenced in Geneva on 15 October 2008 and of continuing to address the issue of the voluntary, safe, dignified and unhindered return of internally displaced persons and refugees on the basis of internationally recognized principles and conflict-settlement practices,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/249,⁴⁷

1. *Recognizes* the right of return of all internally displaced persons and refugees and their descendants, regardless of ethnicity, to their homes throughout Georgia, including in Abkhazia and South Ossetia;
2. *Stresses* the need to respect the property rights of all internally displaced persons and refugees affected by the conflicts in Georgia and to refrain from obtaining property in violation of those rights;
3. *Reaffirms* the unacceptability of forced demographic changes;
4. *Underlines* the urgent need for unimpeded access for humanitarian activities to all internally displaced persons, refugees and other persons residing in all conflict-affected areas throughout Georgia;
5. *Calls upon* all participants in the Geneva discussions to intensify their efforts to establish a durable peace, to commit to enhanced confidence-building measures and to take immediate steps to ensure respect for human rights and create favourable security conditions conducive to the voluntary, safe, dignified and unhindered return of all internally displaced persons and refugees to their places of origin;
6. *Underlines* the need for the development of a timetable to ensure the voluntary, safe, dignified and unhindered return of all internally displaced persons and refugees affected by the conflicts in Georgia to their homes;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution;
8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development".

RESOLUTION 63/308

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.80/Rev.1 and Add.1, as orally revised, sponsored by: Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay

63/308. The responsibility to protect

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its respect for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁴⁸ especially paragraphs 138 and 139 thereof,

⁴⁷ A/63/950.

⁴⁸ See resolution 60/1.

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁹ and of the timely and productive debate organized by the President of the General Assembly on the responsibility to protect, held on 21, 23, 24 and 28 July 2009,⁵⁰ with full participation by Member States;
2. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the responsibility to protect.

RESOLUTION 63/309

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, without a vote, on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (A/63/959)

63/309. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 of 29 July 1994, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006, 61/292 of 2 August 2007 and 62/276 of 15 September 2008,

Stressing the importance of implementing resolutions on the revitalization of its work,

Recalling the role of the General Assembly in addressing issues of peace and security, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 18 of the annex to its resolution 60/286 on the selection of the Secretary-General,

Noting the role of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the importance of providing adequate resources for its substantive work,

Noting also the current practice of balloting observed by the General Assembly,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly;⁵¹
2. *Decides* to establish, at its sixty-fourth session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:
 - (a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions;
 - (b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

⁴⁹ A/63/677.

⁵⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 96th to 101st meetings (A/63/PV.96–101), and corrigenda.

⁵¹ A/63/959.

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3. *Affirms its commitment* to continuing, in the Ad Hoc Working Group at the sixty-fourth session, its consideration of the revitalization of the role of the General Assembly in the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter;

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4. *Welcomes* the holding of interactive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community in the General Assembly, and invites the President of the Assembly to continue with this practice in consultation with Member States;

5. *Notes* the importance of strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and invites the President at the sixty-fourth session to submit his views to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the sixty-fourth session for its consideration;

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6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in consultation with Member States, to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, including the introduction of a sunset clause;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions, bearing in mind the cost savings, as well as the reduced environmental impact, which may accrue from this exercise, in order to improve the quality and distribution of those documents;

8. *Invites* the Committee on Information at its thirty-second session to consider the sections on media and visibility in the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, in particular those that call for less rigid restrictions and better access to people and information, and requests the Committee on Information to consider recommending measures for the operationalization and implementation of aspects thereof in its report to the Assembly through the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at its sixty-fifth session;

9. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the sixty-fourth session, shall further consider options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting, reiterating the need to ascertain the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of the balloting process.

RESOLUTION 63/310

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.101 and Add.1, sponsored by: Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States), Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

63/310. Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,⁵²

⁵² A/63/228-S/2008/531 and Corr.1.

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Recalling the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as its resolutions 55/218 of 21 December 2000, 56/48 of 7 December 2001, 57/48 of 21 November 2002, 59/213 of 20 December 2004 and 61/296 of 17 September 2007,

Recalling also the principles enshrined in the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted in 2000 in Lomé,⁵³

Recalling further the decisions and declarations adopted by the Assembly of the African Union at all its ordinary and extraordinary sessions,

Welcoming the adoption of the framework for the ten-year capacity-building programme for the African Union set out in the declaration on enhancing United Nations-African Union cooperation, signed in Addis Ababa on 16 November 2006 by the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission,⁵⁴ which highlights the key areas for cooperation between the African Union and the United Nations,

Acknowledging the decision of the African Union Peace and Security Council at its sixty-eighth meeting, held on 14 December 2006, on the establishment of a coordination and consultation mechanism between the African Union Peace and Security Council and the United Nations Security Council, welcoming the June 2007 agreement to hold joint meetings at least once a year,⁵⁵ and taking note of the third consultative meeting held in July 2009 in Addis Ababa,

Recalling the adoption of the African Union Non-Aggression and Common Defence Pact at the fourth ordinary session of the Assembly of the African Union, as an instrument to reinforce cooperation among States members of the African Union in the areas of defence and security and which, in particular, can contribute to the work of the African Union Peace and Security Council and its cooperation with the United Nations,

Welcoming, while taking into account the role of the General Assembly, the statements by the President of the Security Council of 19 November 2004 on the institutional relationship with the African Union,⁵⁶ of 28 March 2007 on the relationship between the United Nations and regional organizations, in particular the African Union, in the maintenance of international peace and security,⁵⁷ and of 18 March 2009 on peace and security in Africa,⁵⁸ as well as Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008,

Welcoming also the efforts to enhance cooperation between the peace and security structures of the United Nations and the African Union in the realm of conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding in Africa, including efforts to implement the African Union Framework for Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development,

Acknowledging the significant contribution of the African Union towards the prevention and combating of terrorism, and noting the centrality of the international partnership and cooperation between the African Union, the relevant United Nations organs and the wider international community in the global fight against terrorism,

Recognizing the need to enhance the strategic relationship between the United Nations and the African Union, as a basis for a more effective partnership embodying the principles of mutual respect when addressing issues of mutual concern,

Welcoming the efforts of the African Union and the United Nations, together with other international partners, to provide effective support for peacekeeping missions undertaken in

⁵³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2158, No. 37733.

⁵⁴ A/61/630, annex.

⁵⁵ See S/2007/386, annex.

⁵⁶ S/PRST/2004/44; see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1 August 2004–31 July 2005*.

⁵⁷ S/PRST/2007/7; see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1 August 2006–31 July 2007*.

⁵⁸ S/PRST/2009/3; see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1 August 2008–31 July 2009*.

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accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter by regional organizations, in particular the African Union, with reference to start-up funding, equipment, logistics and long-term capacity-building, as reflected in Security Council resolution 1809 (2008),

Bearing in mind the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development,⁵⁹ and various relevant resolutions adopted since 2002,⁶⁰

Recognizing the pivotal need to bring Africa into the mainstream of the global economy and to strengthen the global partnership to address the special development needs of Africa, particularly the eradication of poverty, and in this regard, welcoming the political declaration adopted on 22 September 2008 on the occasion of the high-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward",⁶¹ and the importance of its implementation and the responsibilities of the States members of the African Union and the United Nations in this regard, as well as the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development,⁶²

Stressing the need for extending the scope of cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union in the area of combating the illegal exploitation of natural resources in Africa,

Emphasizing the importance of the effective, coordinated and integrated implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁶³ the Doha Development Agenda,⁶⁴ the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,⁶⁵ the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,⁶⁶ the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation")⁶⁷ and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁶⁸

Emphasizing also the importance of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development, at which the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development was adopted,⁶⁹ and the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women, and stressing to all Member States the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,⁷⁰ the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development⁷¹ and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁷²

Recalling the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, adopted in Maputo on 11 July 2003,

⁵⁹ See resolution 57/2.

⁶⁰ Resolutions 57/7, 58/233, 59/254, 60/222 and 61/229.

⁶¹ See resolution 63/1.

⁶² A/57/304, annex.

⁶³ See resolution 55/2.

⁶⁴ See A/C.2/56/7, annex.

⁶⁵ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁶⁶ Resolution 63/239, annex.

⁶⁷ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

⁶⁸ See resolution 60/1.

⁶⁹ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

⁷⁰ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁷¹ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁷² Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

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Recommitting to improving the effectiveness of development assistance, including the fundamental principles of ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results and mutual accountability, calling for a continuing dialogue to improve the effectiveness of aid, including the full implementation of the Accra Agenda for Action⁷³ by countries and organizations that commit to it,

Acknowledging the contribution of the United Nations Liaison Office at Addis Ababa in strengthening coordination and cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union, as well as the need to consolidate it so as to enhance its performance in view of the expanding scope of cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union,

Convinced that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union will contribute to the advancement of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the development of Africa,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General,⁵² calls for the implementation of the declaration on enhancing United Nations-African Union cooperation: framework for the ten-year capacity-building programme for the African Union,⁵⁴ and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to take appropriate measures to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Secretariat and to implement its mandate with respect to meeting the special needs of Africa, in accordance with the established United Nations procedures;

2. *Recalls* the primary responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, and requests the United Nations system to intensify its assistance to the African Union, as appropriate, in strengthening the institutional and operational capacity of its Peace and Security Council, and in coordinating with other international partners when needed;

3. *Emphasizes* the need to pursue the ongoing measures to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of United Nations and African Union cooperation, recommends the continued improvement of the field presence of the United Nations Secretariat at the headquarters of the African Union, recognizing the need to ensure an appropriate level of representation at the United Nations Liaison Office at Addis Ababa commensurate with the increasing political integration of the African Union, the responsibilities for implementing all aspects of the ten-year capacity-building programme, coordinating the United Nations system in existing and emerging areas of cooperation in peace and security and political and humanitarian affairs, in order to enhance the strategic and operational partnership between the United Nations and the African Union and its subregions;

4. *Recognizes* the need to enhance the predictability, sustainability and flexibility of financing for regional organizations when they undertake peacekeeping under a United Nations mandate, and looks forward to the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to the statement by the President of the Security Council of 18 March 2009,⁵⁸

5. *Stresses* the urgent need for the United Nations and the African Union to develop close cooperation and concrete programmes aimed at addressing the problems posed by illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons and anti-personnel mines, within the framework of the relevant declarations and resolutions adopted by the two organizations;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations system, the African Union and the international community to intensify their cooperation in the global fight against terrorism through the implementation of the relevant international and regional treaties and protocols and, in particular, the African Plan of Action adopted in Algiers on 14 September 2002, as well as their support for the operation of the African Centre for Studies and Research on Terrorism inaugurated in Algiers in October 2004;

⁷³ A/63/539, annex.

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7. *Calls upon* the United Nations system to intensify its efforts, in collaboration with the African Union, in combating the illegal exploitation of natural resources, particularly in conflict areas, in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations and the African Union;

8. *Also calls upon* the United Nations system to support the African Union and its member States in their efforts to implement the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

9. *Stresses* the need for closer cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and the African Union, in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement⁷⁴ as well as other relevant memorandums of understanding between the two organizations, particularly in the implementation of the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration⁶³ and the 2005 World Summit Outcome⁶⁸ and as regards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, at the national, subregional and regional levels;

10. *Encourages* the deepening of collaboration between the African Union, recalling its Framework for Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development, and the Peacebuilding Commission on enhancing international support for African countries on the agenda of the Commission, and reiterates the need for enhanced coordination and consultations between the Commission and the African Union on assistance for countries emerging from conflict;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to request all relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to intensify their efforts to support cooperation with the African Union, including through the implementation of the protocols to the Constitutive Act of the African Union⁵³ and the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community,⁷⁵ and to assist in harmonizing the programmes of the African Union with those of the African regional economic communities with a view to enhancing regional economic cooperation and integration;

12. *Encourages* the United Nations and the African Union to pursue joint initiatives for partnerships in Africa through, inter alia, the United Nations Office for Partnerships and Global Compact;

13. *Encourages* the United Nations system to effectively support the efforts of the African Union by urging the international community to strive for the successful and timely completion of the Doha round of trade negotiations, including negotiations aimed at substantial improvements in areas such as trade-related measures, including market access and regional economic integration, to promote sustainable growth in Africa;

14. *Invites* the United Nations system to enhance its support for African countries in their efforts to implement the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,⁶⁷

15. *Encourages* the United Nations to take special measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication through the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, noting the importance of addressing, inter alia, debt cancellation, enhanced official development assistance, increases in flows of foreign direct investment and voluntary transfer of technology, the World Food Programme, the agriculture partnership to combat hunger, universal primary education initiatives, gender equality programmes, improved maternal health programmes, and HIV/AIDS education;

16. *Calls upon* the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of the Plan of Action contained in the document entitled “A world fit for children”, adopted on 10 May 2002 at the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children,⁷⁶ and to provide

⁷⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1580, No. 1044.

⁷⁵ A/46/651, annex.

⁷⁶ Resolution S-27/2, annex.

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assistance, as appropriate, to the African Union and its member States in this regard, welcomes the ongoing efforts of the African Union to ensure the protection of the rights of children, and recalls in this regard the adoption of the Call for accelerated action on the implementation of the Plan of Action towards Africa Fit for Children (2008–2012);⁷⁷

17. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and the African Union to develop a coherent and effective strategy, including through joint programmes and activities, for the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa, within the framework of the implementation of regional and international treaties, resolutions and plans of action adopted by the two organizations;

18. *Urges* the United Nations system to increase its support for Africa in the implementation of the declaration of the extraordinary summit meeting of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other related infectious diseases, held in Abuja in April 2001,⁷⁸ and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS⁷⁹ so as to arrest the spread of these diseases, inter alia, through sound capacity-building in human resources;

19. *Also urges* the United Nations system to continue to implement General Assembly resolutions 58/149 of 22 December 2003 and 63/149 of 18 December 2008, on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa, and effectively to support African countries in their efforts to incorporate the problems of refugees into national and regional development plans;

20. *Requests* the United Nations system to cooperate with the African Union and its member States in the implementation of appropriate policies for the promotion of the culture of democracy, good governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law and the strengthening of democratic institutions;

21. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the international community to fulfil the commitments they undertook during the high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York on 25 September 2008;

22. *Welcomes and supports* the ongoing efforts of the African Union to support gender equality, the empowerment of women and social development, and recalls in this regard the declaration of the African Women's Decade by the Assembly of the African Union in February 2009,⁸⁰ and the African Union Gender Policy,⁸¹ the Social Policy Framework for Africa⁸² and the Windhoek Declaration on Social Development,⁸² as adopted by the Executive Council of the African Union in January 2009;

23. *Recalls* its resolution 63/250 of 24 December 2008 on human resources management, and urges the Secretary-General to encourage the United Nations system, within existing rules and regulations, to work towards ensuring the effective and equitable representation of African men and women at senior and policy levels at the respective headquarters of its organizations and in their regional fields of operation;

24. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, working in collaboration, to review every two years the progress made in the cooperation between the two organizations, and requests the Secretary-General to include the results of the review in his next report;

⁷⁷ A/62/653, annex.

⁷⁸ Organization of African Unity, document OAU/SPS/ABUJA/3.

⁷⁹ Resolution S-26/2, annex.

⁸⁰ See A/63/848, annex II, decision Assembly/AU/Dec.229 (XII).

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, annex I, decision EX.CL/Dec.487 (XIV).

⁸² *Ibid.*, decision EX.CL/Dec.473 (XIV).

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25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

RESOLUTION 63/311

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/63/L.103, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

63/311. System-wide coherence

The General Assembly,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁸³

Recalling also its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Recalling further its resolution 62/277 of 15 September 2008 on system-wide coherence,

Recalling the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁸⁴ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,⁸⁵ and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁸⁶

Reaffirming the importance of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

Recalling the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with resolution 62/208 and other relevant resolutions,

Having considered the discussion notes on “Further details on institutional options for strengthening the institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women” of 5 March 2009, on “Strengthening governance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for enhanced system-wide coherence” of 15 April 2009 and on “Strengthening the system-wide funding architecture of operational activities of the United Nations for development” of 3 May 2009, which the Deputy Secretary-General, on behalf of the Secretary-General, provided to the President of the General Assembly in response to a request from Member States,

Strengthening the institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women

1. *Strongly supports* the consolidation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, into a composite entity, taking into account the existing mandates;

2. *Supports* that the composite entity shall be led by an Under-Secretary-General, who will report directly to the Secretary-General, to be appointed by the Secretary-General, in

⁸³ See resolution 60/1.

⁸⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁸⁵ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁸⁶ Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

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consultation with Member States, on the basis of equitable geographical representation and gender balance;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to produce, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, a comprehensive proposal specifying, inter alia, the mission statement of the composite entity, the organizational arrangements, including an organizational chart, funding and the executive board to oversee its operational activities in order to commence intergovernmental negotiations;

Strengthening governance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for enhanced system-wide coherence

4. *Reaffirms* that the strengthening of the governance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system should focus on enhancing existing intergovernmental bodies with the purpose of making the United Nations development system more efficient and effective in its support to developing countries for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals;

5. *Underscores* that the governance of operational activities for development should be transparent and inclusive and should support national ownership and national development strategies;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to propose to the General Assembly, at its sixty-fourth session, actionable proposals for the further improvement of the governance of the operational activities for development;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the members of United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the United Nations Development Group, to propose to the General Assembly, at its sixty-fourth session, modalities for the submission and approval of common country programmes on a voluntary basis, bearing in mind the importance of national ownership and effective intergovernmental oversight of the development process;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance of strengthening evaluation as a United Nations system function and the guidance contained to this effect in its resolution 62/208, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to propose to the General Assembly, at its sixty-fourth session, modalities for the establishment of an independent system-wide evaluation mechanism to assess system-wide efficiency, effectiveness and performance, bearing in mind the evaluation functions carried out by respective United Nations organizations, the Joint Inspection Unit and the United Nations Evaluation Group;

9. *Urges* the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the United Nations Development Group to enhance the transparency of their activities through regular briefings to the General Assembly and through regular reports and effective interaction with the Economic and Social Council and relevant intergovernmental bodies;

10. *Encourages* continued and increased cooperation, coordination and coherence and exchanges between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to regularly apprise the General Assembly of progress made in this regard as part of the triennial and quadrennial comprehensive policy review reporting process;

Improving the funding system of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for enhanced system-wide coherence

11. *Emphasizes* that increasing financial contributions to the United Nations development system is key to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the

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Millennium Development Goals, and in this regard recognizes the mutually reinforcing links between the increased effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the United Nations development system, achieving concrete results in assisting developing countries in eradicating poverty and achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development through operational activities for development and the overall resourcing of the United Nations development system;

12. *Stresses* that core resources, because of their untied nature, continue to be the bedrock of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

13. *Notes with concern* the continuing imbalance between core and non-core resources received by the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the potential negative impact of non-core funding on the coordination and effectiveness of operational activities for development at the country level, while recognizing that thematic trust funds, multi-donor trust funds and other voluntary non-earmarked funding mechanisms linked to organization-specific funding frameworks and strategies, as established by the respective governing bodies, constitute some of the funding modalities that are complementary to regular budgets;

14. *Urges* donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to substantially increase their voluntary contributions to the core/regular budgets of the United Nations development system, in particular its funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to contribute on a multi-year basis, in a sustained and predictable manner, and to undertake voluntary commitments to provide a greater share of system-wide contributions to operational activities for development as core/regular resources;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development further analysis and actionable proposals on the current situation and perspectives in respect of core and non-core funding for the United Nations development system, notably the implications of various forms of non-core funding, in terms of predictability, country ownership and the implementation of intergovernmental mandates;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to create a central repository of information on operational activities for development, including disaggregated statistics on all funding sources and expenditures, building on the his comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development, and to ensure appropriate and user-friendly online access and regular updating of the information contained therein;

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17. *Acknowledges* the interim assessments of the progress made and the challenges remaining in efforts to increase coherence in country-level programming, including in the “programme country pilots”;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to support “programme country pilot” countries to undertake expeditiously their own country-led evaluations with the participation of relevant stakeholders and with the technical support of the United Nations Evaluation Group;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to urgently undertake arrangements for an independent evaluation of lessons learned from the above efforts, as requested in resolution 62/208, and to inform the General Assembly of the modalities and terms of reference of this independent evaluation at its sixty-fourth session;

20. *Underscores* that the independent evaluation should be guided by the principles contained in resolution 62/208 with regard to national ownership and leadership and be conducted in the context of system-wide norms and standards, that it should be based on an inclusive, transparent, objective and independent approach, and that its outcome should be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session;

I. Resolutions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

Harmonization of business practices

21. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to continue progress in the simplification and harmonization of business practices within the United Nations development system, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the System Chief Executives Board, to regularly inform the Economic and Social Council about progress being made and challenges encountered in this regard and to refer any matter requiring an intergovernmental decision to the relevant intergovernmental bodies;

The way forward

22. *Decides* to continue the intergovernmental work of the General Assembly on system-wide coherence on the issues addressed in the present resolution during the sixty-fourth session, with a view to achieving further substantive action in all areas, and resolves, at the conclusion of its entire process on system-wide coherence, to review and take stock of all its prior actions and deliberations in a single resolution or decision

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RESOLUTION 63/280

Adopted at the 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 May 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/402/Add.1, para. 6)¹

63/280. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolution 62/273 of 11 September 2008,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;²
2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 16 to 180 of its report;
3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;
4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;
5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;
6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;
7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/63/19).*

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RESOLUTION 63/246 B

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/637/Add.1, para. 6)

63/246. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

B¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 62/223 B of 20 June 2008 and 63/246 A of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations peacekeeping operations,² the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2008³ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2008,⁴

1. *Accepts* the audited financial statements of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;²

2. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Auditors;⁵

3. *Reiterates* that the issue of outstanding assessed contributions is a policy matter of the General Assembly, and urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions in full and on time;

4. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³

5. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the quality of its report and the streamlined format thereof;

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2008;⁴

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, including those relating to expendable and non-expendable property, and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to indicate an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the priorities for their implementation, including the office holders to be held accountable and measures taken in that regard;

¹ Resolution 63/246, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 63/246 A.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/63/5)*, vol. II.

³ A/63/746, sect. III.

⁴ A/63/784.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/63/5)*, vol. II, chap. II.

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9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in the next report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations, a full explanation for the delays in the implementation of all outstanding recommendations of the Board, the root causes of the recurring issues and the measures to be taken.

RESOLUTION 63/257 B

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/646/Add.2, para. 6)

63/257. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

B⁶

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸

Recalling Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1798 (2008) of 30 January 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 2008,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1827 (2008) of 30 July 2008, by which the Council terminated the mandate of the Mission effective 31 July 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 63/257 A of 24 December 2008,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.5 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-six 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;

2. *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 Mission in full;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

⁶ Resolution 63/257, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 63/257 A.

⁷ A/63/562.

⁸ A/63/746/Add.12.

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;⁷

5. *Also takes note* of the unencumbered balance and other income in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea in the amount of 17,611,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008;

6. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 2,875,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009 from the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 17,611,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

7. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 6 above to apply those credits to any accounts where they have outstanding assessed contributions;

8. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 2,875,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009 from the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 17,611,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 6 above;

9. *Also decides* to defer until its sixty-fourth session a decision on the treatment of the balance of 14,736,400 dollars, and requests the Secretary-General to report to it at the second part of its resumed sixty-fourth session on the updated financial position of the Mission;

10. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

RESOLUTION 63/258 B

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/647/Add.1, para. 6)

63/258. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

B⁹

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur¹⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹ the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the use of extraordinary measures for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur¹² and the related note by the Secretary-General,¹³

⁹ Resolution 63/258, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 63/258 A.

¹⁰ A/63/717.

¹¹ A/63/746/Add.4.

¹² A/63/668.

¹³ A/63/668/Add.1.

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Recalling Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of twelve months as from 31 July 2007, and Council resolution 1828 (2008) of 31 July 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 31 July 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 62/232 A of 22 December 2007 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 63/258 A of 24 December 2008,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts between the African Union and the United Nations at the strategic level, unity of command at the operational level and clear delegation of authority and accountability lines,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Operation 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 200.0 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-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 Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the logistics hub in Entebbe, Uganda, has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account the ongoing efforts in this regard;

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10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
12. *Takes note* of paragraph 52 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹
13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that all personnel adhere fully to the security procedures in place;
14. *Reaffirms* section XX of resolution 61/276, and encourages the Secretary-General, where feasible, to enhance regional and inter-mission cooperation with a view to achieving greater synergies in the use of the resources of the Organization and the implementation of the mandates of the missions, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;
15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;
16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;
17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;
18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the activities of the Child Protection Unit are carried out in an integrated manner and that its resource requirements are appropriately reflected in the next budget submission;
19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;
20. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services¹² and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,¹³ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations;
21. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates on procurement and the related use of financial and human resources, as well as the provision of necessary information on procurement-related matters to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;
22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all procurement projects for the Organization are in full compliance with relevant resolutions;
23. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that lessons learned from the previous application of flexibility in administrative procedures are fully taken into account and to report thereon in the performance report on the Operation;
24. *Further requests*, in this regard, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, in accordance with its terms of reference, to advise the General Assembly on measures to ensure the compliance of management with the audit and recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

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25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur the amount of 1,669,397,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 1,598,942,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 58,636,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 11,819,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

26. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 139,116,483 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

27. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,694,308 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,088,358 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 508,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 97,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

28. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,530,281,317 dollars for the period from 1 August 2009 to 30 June 2010, at a monthly rate of 139,116,483 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010,¹⁴ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

29. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 28 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 29,637,392 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 22,971,942 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 5,595,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 1,069,750 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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

31. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

32. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

33. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".

¹⁴ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 63/268

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/648/Add.5, para. 10)

63/268. Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

The General Assembly,

I

United Nations Postal Administration

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration¹⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration,¹⁵
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Takes note* of paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁶
4. *Decides* not to create a reserve for contingent liabilities for postal services;

II

Standards of accommodation for air travel

Recalling its resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, section IV, paragraph 14, of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998, section IV of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006 and section XV of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, and its decision 57/589 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel;¹⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁸
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore all possible options, including the use of mileage points accumulated from official travel, for reducing the cost of air travel, and to present his conclusions thereon in the context of the comprehensive report referred to in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁸

¹⁵ A/63/320.

¹⁶ A/63/568.

¹⁷ A/63/524.

¹⁸ A/63/715.

III

Business continuity management

Recalling section VII of its resolution 62/238,

Recalling also its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under sections 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28C to G, 33 and 35 of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 related to business continuity management¹⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁰

Recognizing the multiplicity of risks currently facing the United Nations and its increasing dependency on information and communications technology systems,

Noting the complementarities and the close linkages between disaster recovery for information and communications technology and business continuity management,

Emphasizing the importance of close coordination of business continuity management policies among all United Nations entities, and of systematically sharing and exploiting lessons learned and best practices on a system-wide basis,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁹
2. *Also takes note* of the work undertaken and progress achieved so far by the Secretary-General on business continuity management in response to the business risks faced by the United Nations;
3. *Further takes note* of the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Senior Emergency Policy Team and the Crisis Operations Group;
4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
5. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 6 and 12 of section IV of its resolution 63/262, and stresses the need for a comprehensive, unified and multi-hazard approach to business continuity;
6. *Notes* that the proposals of the Secretary-General on business continuity overlap and duplicate proposals contained in other reports, in particular on information and communications technology;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further develop and justify the approach as set out in his report,¹⁹ including by clarifying the relationship with other initiatives, in particular on information and communications technology, and the roles of the various actors in the process, with a view to avoiding a piecemeal approach to business continuity;
8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, offices away from Headquarters and the regional commissions have business continuity plans in place and that the respective heads of departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat and of the offices away from Headquarters and regional commissions are held accountable for their implementation;
9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that lessons learned within the Secretariat for human influenza pandemic preparedness are taken into account as the work on business continuity management is implemented;

¹⁹ A/63/359 and Corr.1.

²⁰ A/63/584.

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10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a coordinated approach to business continuity management between the United Nations Secretariat, offices away from Headquarters and the regional commissions, including systematic support, appropriate coordination structures and regular consultations between the business continuity management focal points in New York and in other duty stations;

11. *Stresses* the need to draw upon the experiences of other United Nations entities in formulating the business continuity strategy;

12. *Also stresses* the importance of cooperation with host country authorities both at Headquarters and at all other duty stations;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strive for economies of scale through coordination among organizations within the United Nations system on relevant issues, including the use of backup centres for information and communications technology, the use of consultants, the procurement of specialized equipment and medical supplies and training;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all steps necessary to ensure that medical supplies and materials, including vaccines and antibiotics, are procured in compliance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 62/269 of 20 June 2008, in particular, among others, paragraph 20 thereof;

15. *Takes note* of paragraphs 14 to 16 and 19 to 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁰

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a fully justified proposal for post and non-post resources in relation to the work currently under way on business continuity management in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013 on progress made;

IV

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling its resolution 62/237 A of 22 December 2007, section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section III of its resolution 62/245 of 3 April 2008 and section XI of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council²¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²¹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of the revised narrative and logical framework for the budget of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009, and of paragraphs 28 and 29 (e) of the related report of the Advisory Committee;²²

²¹ A/63/346/Add.6.

²² A/63/779.

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4. *Approves* the revised budgets totalling 26,848,900 United States dollars for the United Nations Representative on the International Advisory and Monitoring Board of the Development Fund for Iraq, the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission and the United Nations Mission in Nepal presented in the report of the Secretary-General;²¹

5. *Takes note* of the balance of 17,973,900 dollars of the appropriations for these missions for the biennium 2008–2009 based on actual expenditures incurred in 2008;

6. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the unencumbered balance of 17,973,900 dollars for the three missions mentioned in paragraph 4 above, under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 8,875,000 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,663,100 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a revised budget proposal for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2009 for consideration by the General Assembly during the second part of its resumed sixty-third session.

RESOLUTION 63/269

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/648/Add.5, para.. 10)

63/269. Information and communications technology, disaster recovery and business continuity for the United Nations: arrangements for the secondary data centre at Headquarters

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Information and communications technology, disaster recovery and business continuity for the United Nations: arrangements for the secondary data centre at Headquarters”²³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²³
2. *Reaffirms* the need for a global operational framework to enable the United Nations to respond effectively to emergency situations that may impair operations of critical elements of its information and communications technology infrastructure and facilities;
3. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take a unified approach to disaster recovery and business continuity, utilizing all available infrastructure, in order to achieve economies of scale and cost efficiencies;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations uses enterprise data centres rather than local data centres as far as possible;
5. *Notes with concern* the continued deficiencies in the planning and management of the project;

²³ A/63/743.

²⁴ A/63/774.

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6. *Regrets* that the proposal of the Secretary-General did not provide the necessary assurances that its implementation would sufficiently mitigate risks, including risks related to the physical security of data, during the relocation of the primary data centre to the North Lawn at Headquarters;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when utilizing the services of the International Computing Centre, to ensure compliance with all regulations and rules regarding procurement, in order to guarantee the cost-effectiveness of the services provided by the Centre;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, expressed in section IV, paragraph 7, of its resolution 63/262, to ensure that the leased space is fully utilized if it is not possible to terminate the lease;

10. *Notes with concern* that the delays caused by the lack of reliable disaster recovery and business continuity services for Headquarters may lead to further cost escalation, including in respect of the capital master plan, and risk to data;

11. *Decides* that any further proposal for risk mitigation measures to protect data and the information and communications systems of the Secretariat during the construction work of the capital master plan, if necessary, shall be reported in the context of the annual progress report on the capital master plan;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to absorb 5,096,880 United States dollars within the approved budget of the capital master plan, and decides that 2,031,860 dollars shall be financed from the resources to be approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 in order to pursue the most reliable and cost-effective risk mitigation measures during the migration of the primary data centre to the North Lawn;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to carry out a classification of critical/non-critical systems of the Secretariat and to provide to the General Assembly an inventory of systems classified according to their degree of criticality at the time of its consideration of the proposal for a permanent secondary data centre;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the level of protection proposed has been subject to a thorough cost-benefit analysis;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of section IV of resolution 63/262, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly no later than at the main part of its sixty-fifth session a unified disaster recovery and business continuity plan, including a permanent solution for Headquarters.

RESOLUTION 63/270

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/648/Add.5, para. 10)

63/270. Capital master plan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, its resolution 59/295 of 22 June 2005, section II of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005, its resolutions 60/256 of 8 May 2006, 60/282 of 30 June 2006, 61/251 of 22 December 2006, 62/87 of 10 December 2007 and section II.B of its resolution 63/248 of 24 December 2008, and its decision 58/566 of 8 April 2004,

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Recognizing the importance of ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to the physical environment on an equal basis with others,

Having considered the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,²⁵ the report of the Secretary-General on associated costs related to the capital master plan,²⁶ the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007,²⁷ the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan,²⁸ section IV.A of the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008,²⁹ the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of the capital master plan³⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹

1. *Takes note* of the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,²⁵ the report of the Secretary-General on associated costs related to the capital master plan,²⁶ the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007,²⁷ the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan,²⁸ section IV.A of the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008²⁹ and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of the capital master plan;³⁰

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007;²⁷

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;²⁷

5. *Reiterates its serious concern* at the hazards, risks and deficiencies of the United Nations Headquarters building in its current condition, which endanger the safety, health and well-being of staff, delegations, visitors and tourists;

6. *Stresses* the special role of the host country Government with regard to support for United Nations Headquarters, in New York;

7. *Notes* the benefits, including economic ones, accruing to host countries from the presence of the United Nations, and the costs incurred;

8. *Recalls* the current practices of host Governments with regard to support for United Nations headquarters and United Nations bodies located in their territories;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 21 of the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General,²⁵ and recalls paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹ and stresses that any arrangement with the host country shall safeguard the integrity of the relevant body of international law, including the Headquarters

²⁵ A/63/477.

²⁶ A/63/582.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/63/5)*, vol. V.

²⁸ A/63/327, sect. III.

²⁹ See A/63/302 (Part I).

³⁰ A/63/266.

³¹ A/63/736.

Agreement between the United Nations and the host country³² and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;³³

I

Sixth annual progress report

Financial management

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure by all means that project costs are brought back within the approved budget;

2. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General make every effort to avoid budget increases through sound project management practices and to ensure that the capital master plan is completed within the budget as approved in its resolution 61/251;

Value engineering

3. *Welcomes* the success of value engineering activities in identifying over 100 million United States dollars in potential cost savings;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include detailed information on the following in his seventh annual progress report:

(a) Value engineering activities, as well as costs and fees;

(b) The advantages that could potentially be realized as a result of the prevailing market conditions;

(c) A cost-benefit analysis of any additional sustainability options;

5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue finding efficiency gains and cost reductions throughout the implementation of the capital master plan;

6. *Emphasizes* that the value engineering exercise shall not undermine the quality, durability and sustainability of the materials used, the original design of Headquarters or the commitment of the project to the highest standards of safety, health and well-being of staff and delegations, in particular with regard to the handling of asbestos;

Schedule

7. *Notes* the delay in the process of relocating Secretariat staff to office swing space, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the current schedule is adhered to as a matter of urgency;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹ and urges the Secretary-General to take all steps necessary to avoid any further slippage in the relocation schedule in order to prevent costly delays, including those which may disrupt the work of the General Assembly;

Sustainability

9. *Welcomes* the implementation of projects relating to sustainability approved by the General Assembly, and notes that those projects are being pursued within existing resources;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to consider cost-beneficial ways of improving energy efficiency and lowering energy consumption and to report thereon in his seventh annual progress report;

³² See resolution 169 (II).

³³ Resolution 22 A (I).

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11. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of its resolution 61/251 and paragraph 37 of its resolution 62/87, and reaffirms that any scope options in addition to those already approved by the General Assembly shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly for its consideration and approval;

Procurement

12. *Reaffirms* its resolution 62/269 of 20 June 2008, and requests the Secretary-General to comply fully with the relevant provisions contained therein;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of its resolution 62/269, and stresses that, until a decision is taken by the General Assembly on the issue of environmentally friendly and sustainable procurement, the Secretary-General shall not use any criteria that unduly restrict the ability of vendors to participate in procurement processes owing to environmental friendliness or sustainability requirements;

14. *Notes* the lack of diversification in the origin of vendors subcontracted by the construction manager of the capital master plan and also notes that no procurement contract has been awarded to vendors from developing countries or countries with economies in transition;

15. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General in its resolutions 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 62/269 to continue to explore additional innovative ways to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and to identify obstacles preventing their participation in United Nations procurement contracts and to report on concrete measures taken in this regard;

16. *Reaffirms* paragraph 18 of its resolution 62/87 on procurement opportunities for developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as paragraph 28 of its resolution 62/269 relating to bidding by joint ventures, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to submit a report in this regard for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the construction manager, in consultation with the Procurement Division of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, prepares and implements an action plan to promote procurement opportunities for contractors and vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and to include detailed information on the action plan and its implementation in his forthcoming annual progress reports;

18. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 19 to 23 of its resolution 62/87, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to report on their implementation in the annual progress reports on the capital master plan;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review all expression of interest notices and invitations to bid issued by the construction manager in order to ensure that their contents fully comply with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and do not unduly restrict the diversification of the origin of vendors;

20. *Notes* that some measures taken to avoid delays in the capital master plan procurement process, in particular the ex post facto review of contracts, risk having a negative impact in terms of internal controls, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the procurement processes are in full compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;³⁴

21. *Also notes* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services is engaged in the preparation of a comprehensive report on all aspects of the procurement process related to the capital master plan, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office to include in its report

³⁴ ST/SGB/2003/7.

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factors that may restrict the diversification of the origin of vendors, including the current subcontracting process, local regulations, labour laws and sustainability options, as well as information on vendors' compliance with existing rules and regulations of the United Nations and general conditions of contract, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

Health and safety

22. *Reaffirms* its commitment to the safety, security, health and well-being of staff, delegations, visitors and tourists at the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that concrete safeguards for the achievement of those objectives are in place and are part of the standard operating procedures throughout the implementation of the capital master plan;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, in particular, strict compliance with the highest applicable standards for the handling of asbestos, and to report to the General Assembly on measures taken in this regard in the context of the forthcoming annual reports and the regular briefings on the implementation of the capital master plan;

24. *Reaffirms* its resolution 63/8 of 3 November 2008, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to designate sheltered smoking areas in order to make the renovated United Nations Headquarters premises smoke-free;

Donations

25. *Decides* not to endorse the donation policy related to the capital master plan, and requests the Secretary-General to make new proposals in this regard that allow all Member States, without distinction or conditions, to make donations, in full conformity with the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization as well as the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations³⁴ and without prejudice to the scope, specifications and design of the project, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

26. *Stresses* that the donations shall be used, where possible, to offset approved estimated costs of the project, as well as associated costs approved by the General Assembly;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop a gift registry accessible by all staff members in the Secretariat for declaring gifts received from governmental and non-governmental sources;

28. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to promulgate an administrative issuance on policies and procedures addressing the acceptance, reporting, recording, storing and disposing of gifts to the Organization in the context of relocations related to the capital master plan;

29. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 44 and 45 of its resolution 62/87, and requests the Secretary-General to fully ensure the appropriate handling of works of art, masterpieces and other gifts throughout all stages of construction work;

Parking

30. *Reaffirms* paragraph 10 of its resolution 61/251, by which it approved the capital master plan and its budget, including the resources for additional scope options, in particular the structural strengthening of various components of the existing structure to provide greater blast resistance;

31. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 37 of its resolution 62/87, in which it decided that any scope options in addition to those already approved by the General Assembly should be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly for its consideration and approval;

32. *Further reaffirms* that the General Assembly has the sole prerogative of deciding on any changes to the capital master plan project, budget and implementation strategy, as approved in its resolutions;

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33. *Notes with concern* the existing difficulties with regard to the availability of parking at the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the total number of parking spaces available to Member States will not diminish upon the completion of the capital master plan;

Accessibility

34. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolutions 61/106 of 13 December 2006 and paragraph 5 of its resolution 62/170 of 18 December 2007;

35. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide specific information in his next annual report about the measures taken to eliminate physical, communication or technical barriers to persons with disabilities at United Nations Headquarters in the framework of the capital master plan;

36. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that measures to be taken in the context of the capital master plan with a view to applying host city building, fire and safety codes do not violate the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,³⁵ especially those related to accessibility, and also requests the Secretary-General to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;

Oversight

37. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 16 and 17 of its resolution 62/87, and stresses the importance of ensuring effective oversight and audit coverage of the implementation of the capital master plan;

38. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop adequate and effective tools to permanently monitor essential elements of progress made in the context of the implementation of the capital master plan, including a summary scoreboard to describe the development of the project at any given time, and to include detailed information on such tools in forthcoming annual progress reports;

Advisory board

39. *Regrets* that the advisory board requested in its resolutions 57/292, 61/251 and 62/87 has not yet been established;

40. *Decides* that the advisory board shall be established no later than 31 December 2009, as originally intended, within its current mandate and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 26 of General Assembly resolution 62/87;

41. *Also decides* that if the advisory board has not been established by 31 December 2009, the General Assembly will appoint five members, one from each regional group, for a non-renewable term of four years, and in that event will request the Secretary-General to seek candidatures from Member States;

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42. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on the status of the project, the schedule, the projected completion cost, the status of contributions, the working capital reserve, the status of the advisory board and the letter of credit in his seventh annual progress report;

³⁵ Resolution 61/106, annex I.

II

Associated costs

1. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹ and notes with concern that a number of the requirements set out in the report of the Secretary-General on associated costs²⁶ do not relate directly to the capital master plan, but rather are investment costs and long-term commitments;

2. *Decides* that the approved associated costs for the capital master plan will be financed from within the approved budget of the capital master plan unless otherwise specified by the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* not to approve the overall level of associated costs at this time, bearing in mind opportunities for further cost reductions posed by the present economic circumstances as well as savings realized by the Secretary-General;

4. *Expresses its regret* that the Secretary-General has entered into commitments for the financial period 2008–2009 for associated costs absent the formal approval of the Assembly, which is inconsistent with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,³⁴ and further expresses its concern that the Secretary-General has not complied with paragraph 43 of its resolution 62/87;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 60 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹ and decides not to suspend the provisions for the application of credits under regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;³⁴

6. *Also recalls* section II.B of its resolution 63/248, and regrets that the Secretary-General did not consult Member States on the need to upgrade the broadcast facility, even though the upgrade was conceived long before the conception of the capital master plan;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the existing furniture where possible in a cost-effective manner;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to reduce the projected costs of furniture for the new facilities of the United Nations;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹ and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to absorb the associated costs for the biennium 2008–2009 from within the overall budget approved for the capital master plan in a total amount of 30,272,400 dollars (net), broken down as follows:

(a) 995,300 dollars for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management;

(b) 3,823,100 dollars for the Department of Public Information;

(c) 11,720,100 dollars for the Office of Central Support Services;

(d) 1,636,000 dollars for the Office of Information and Communications Technology;

(e) 7,576,300 dollars for the Department of Safety and Security;

(f) 4,521,600 dollars for construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance activities at Headquarters;

(g) 1,496,300 dollars for staff assessment requirements, to be offset by the equivalent amount of income from staff assessment;

and to report the related expenditures in financial statements of the Organization in accordance with established procedures;

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10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, for its decision at the main part of its sixty-fourth session, in the context of his seventh annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan, proposals for financing the associated costs required for the year 2010 from within the approved budget for the capital master plan;

11. *Recalls* section II.B of its resolution 63/248, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate information technology support for conference services, within the existing resources of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, in order to ensure their seamless operation throughout the implementation of the capital master plan.

RESOLUTION 63/271

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/639/Add.1, para. 6)

63/271. Amendments to the Staff Regulations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 61/244 of 22 December 2006, 62/248 of 3 April 2008 and 63/250 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations³⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Approves* the amendments to the Staff Regulations as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, subject to the provisions of the present resolution and the modified amendments contained in the annex hereto;
4. *Reaffirms* section II of its resolution 63/250;
5. *Stresses* that staff regulation 4.5 (b) does not prejudice the possibility of renewal of a temporary appointment, taking fully into account the provisions of paragraph 7 of section II of its resolution 63/250;
6. *Also stresses* that staff regulation 4.4 shall not preclude consideration of external candidates in filling vacant positions under conditions defined by the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of the resolutions of the General Assembly;
7. *Emphasizes* that the change of the term “personnel” to the term “human resources” in the “Scope and purpose” of the Staff Regulations, as well as in regulations 8.1 (a) and 8.2, is strictly to harmonize the language of the Staff Regulations with the current terminology in effect at the United Nations;
8. *Reaffirms* that staff members recruited through the national competitive examinations and language competitive examinations who hold probationary appointments as at 30 June 2009 will be considered for conversion to permanent appointments upon successful completion of their probationary appointments on or after 1 July 2009;

³⁶ A/63/694.

³⁷ A/63/754.

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9. *Emphasizes* that nothing in the regulations approved in the present resolution and the annex to it precludes persons with disabilities from being considered for employment under any type of contract in full compliance with the Charter, in particular Article 101, paragraph 3;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section II of its resolution 63/250, and stresses that the implementation of the part of the new staff regulation 4.5 concerning conversion to continuing appointments shall require further decisions by the General Assembly on the criteria for eligibility;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 2 of section I of its resolution 63/250, and stresses the importance of a meaningful and constructive dialogue between staff and management to overcome differences;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-fourth session on the full implications of converting all currently eligible staff to permanent appointments, including the financial impact and the effects on workforce management;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session regarding the status of the review of staff members eligible for consideration as at 30 June 2009 for a permanent appointment;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Staff Rules and related administrative issuances derived from the Staff Regulations comply with the provisions of its relevant resolutions;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-fourth session on the provisional new Staff Rules.

Annex

Modified amendments to the Staff Regulations

Regulation 4.5

...

(c) A fixed-term appointment does not carry any expectancy, legal or otherwise, of renewal or conversion, irrespective of the length of service;

Regulation 9.3

(a) The Secretary-General may, giving the reasons therefor, terminate the appointment of a staff member who holds a temporary, fixed-term or continuing appointment in accordance with the terms of his or her appointment or for any of the following reasons:

...

(vi) In the interest of the good administration of the Organization and in accordance with the standards of the Charter, provided that the action is not contested by the staff member concerned;

(b) In addition, in the case of a staff member holding a continuing appointment, the Secretary-General may terminate the appointment without the consent of the staff member if, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, such action would be in the interest of the good administration of the Organization, to be interpreted principally as a change or termination of a mandate, and in accordance with the standards of the Charter;

...

(d) The Secretary-General may, where the circumstances warrant and he or she considers it justified, pay to a staff member terminated, provided that the termination is not contested, a termination indemnity payment not more than 50 per cent higher than that which would otherwise be payable under the Staff Regulations.

Annex I

Salary scales and related provisions

...

6. The Secretary-General shall fix the salary scales for staff members in the General Service and related categories, normally on the basis of the best prevailing conditions of employment in the locality of the United Nations Office concerned, provided that the Secretary-General may, where he or she deems it appropriate, establish rules and salary limits for payment of a non-resident allowance to General Service staff members recruited from outside the local area. The gross pensionable remuneration of such staff shall be determined in accordance with the methodology specified in article 54 (a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and are shown in the salary scales applicable to such staff.

Annex II

Letters of appointment

...

(viii) That a fixed-term appointment does not carry any expectancy, legal or otherwise, of renewal or conversion, irrespective of the length of service;

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Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/786, para. 6)

63/272. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2008 and programme of work for 2009

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007 and 62/246 of 3 April 2008,

Reiterating that the impact of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

Reaffirming the commitment by the Unit, the legislative organs and the secretariats of the participating organizations to implement a system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit, as set out in resolution 54/16,

Reaffirming also the statute of the Unit³⁸ and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2008 and programme of work for 2009³⁹ and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2008,⁴⁰

1. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/260, 62/226 and 62/246;

³⁸ Resolution 31/192, annex.

³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 34* and corrigendum (A/63/34 and Corr.1).

⁴⁰ A/63/731.

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2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2008 and programme of work for 2009;³⁹
3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;⁴⁰
4. *Affirms* that oversight is a shared responsibility of Member States, the organizations and the internal and external oversight bodies;
5. *Welcomes* progress in the reform process of the Unit and its improved collaboration with participating organizations and other oversight bodies, and invites the Unit to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on measures taken in this regard;
6. *Acknowledges* the Unit's undertaking to apply results-based management in its work;
7. *Requests* the Unit, in line with its mandate, to continue to focus its work and reports on system-wide issues of interest and relevance to the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations and to provide advice on ways to ensure the avoidance of duplication and more efficient and effective use of resources in implementing the mandates of the Organization;
8. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments and to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs;
9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;
10. *Reiterates its invitation* to the legislative organs of the participating organizations to take concrete action on the recommendations of the Unit;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to expedite the implementation of the present resolution, including through the expected provision of support to the Unit by the secretariats of the participating organizations in the preparation of its reports, notes and confidential letters, and the consideration of and action on the Unit's recommendations in the light of pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis on the results achieved;
12. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts of the Unit to report on the impacts of its recommendations, as illustrated in chapter I, section E, of its annual report,³⁹ and in this context requests the Unit, in coordination with participating organizations, to provide information on the improvement of the presentation of those impacts and their financial implications, wherever possible, in future annual reports;
13. *Invites* the Unit, in this context, to include in its annual report information on its experience in the implementation of the follow-up system by the participating organizations, and in this regard requests the Unit to continue working towards implementation of a web-based follow-up system to monitor the status of recommendations and receive updates from individual organizations;
14. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of its resolution 62/246, and encourages the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board, to continue enhancing the dialogue of the Board with the Unit, including, where appropriate, through the invitation to participate in the meetings of its Committees and networks;
15. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue sharing experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

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16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the appointment of the Executive Secretary of the Joint Inspection Unit after consultation with the Unit and the Chief Executives Board, in full accordance with article 19 of the statute of the Unit³⁸ as well as the relevant provisions of the resolutions of the General Assembly regarding staff selection;

17. *Acknowledges* the undertaking by the Unit of a medium- and long-term strategy approach for 2010–2019, as contained in annex III to its report, stresses the need for the Unit to continuously update and improve its medium- and long-term strategy for 2010–2019, taking into account the dynamics and challenges of the environment in which it undertakes its activities, and decides to consider any resources associated with the implementation of the medium- and long-term strategy approach in the context of future programme budgets;

18. *Encourages* the Unit to keep the General Assembly informed, if necessary, about any difficulty or delay in obtaining visas for the official travel of the inspectors, as well as members of its secretariat.

RESOLUTIONS 63/273 A and B

63/273. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Resolution A

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/787, para. 6)

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009⁴¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1812 (2008) of 30 April 2008, in which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 62/267 of 20 June 2008 on the financing of the Mission,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴² and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

2. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan the amount of 56,173,100 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, in addition to the amount of 820,720,600 dollars already appropriated for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of its resolution 62/267;

Financing of the appropriation

3. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 715,642,666 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 62/267 for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 42,129,825 dollars for the

⁴¹ A/63/756.

⁴² A/63/777.

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period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

4. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 973,833 dollars, representing the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009;

5. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 143,128,534 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 62/267 for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 8,425,965 dollars at a monthly rate of 4,212,982 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

6. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 194,767 dollars, representing the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009;

7. *Further decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".

Resolution B

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/787/Add.1, para. 7)

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan⁴³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁴

Recalling Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for an initial period of six months as from 24 March 2005, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1870 (2009) of 30 April 2009, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2010,

Recalling also its resolution 59/292 of 21 April 2005 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 63/273 A of 7 April 2009,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

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,

⁴³ A/63/604 and A/63/714.

⁴⁴ A/63/746/Add.5.

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Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Trust Fund in Support of the Peace Process in the Sudan,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 65.5 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-nine 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 Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda, has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account the ongoing efforts in this regard;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the post of Chief Operations Officer at the P-5 level for the Joint Operations Centre;

13. *Also takes note* of paragraph 35 (c) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the post of Programme Officer at the P-3 level in the Office of the Force Commander;

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14. *Further takes note* of paragraph 35 (d) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the post of Senior Security Sector Reform Officer at the P-5 level in the Rule of Law, Judicial System and Prison Advisory Section;

15. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 (h) (ii) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the post of Field Service Security Officer (internal audit) and 10 posts of Field Service Security Officer (risk assessment) in the Safety and Security Section;

16. *Also takes note* of paragraphs 35 (g) and (k) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the 187 disarmament, demobilization and reintegration-related posts and positions, and to apply a 50 per cent vacancy factor to the new international posts, comprising 20 posts at the P-3 level and 18 Field Service posts, for the period 2009/10;

17. *Further takes note* of paragraph 51 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

18. *Reaffirms* section XX of resolution 61/276, and encourages the Secretary-General, where feasible, to enhance regional and inter-mission cooperation with a view to achieving greater synergies in the use of the resources of the Organization and the implementation of mandates of the missions, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

21. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

23. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;⁴⁵

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

24. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan the amount of 1,000,577,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 958,350,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 35,143,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 7,083,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

25. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 833,814,750 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 April 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010;⁴⁶

⁴⁵ A/63/604.

⁴⁶ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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26. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,145,833 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 18,514,333 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,048,750 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 582,750 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

27. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 166,762,950 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2010, at a monthly rate of 83,381,475 dollars, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010,⁴⁶ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

28. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,429,167 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,702,867 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 609,750 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 116,550 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

29. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 82,199,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

30. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 82,199,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 29 above;

31. *Also decides* that the increase of 2,348,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 82,199,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 29 and 30 above;

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

33. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

34. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

35. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".

RESOLUTIONS 63/274 A and B

63/274. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Resolution A

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/788, para. 6)

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009⁴⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁸

Recalling Security Council resolution 1861 (2009) of 14 January 2009, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 March 2010, authorized the deployment of a military component of the Mission to follow up the European Union-led military force in both Chad and the Central African Republic at the end of its mandate, decided that the transfer of authority between the European Union-led military force and the military component of the Mission would take place on 15 March 2009, and also decided that the Mission should include a maximum of 300 police officers, 25 military liaison officers, 5,200 military personnel, and an appropriate number of civilian personnel,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁸ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 139,671,300 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 49,868,400 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, and in addition to the amount of 301,124,200 dollars already appropriated for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of Assembly resolution 62/233 B of 20 June 2008;

Financing of the commitment authority

3. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 139,671,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

4. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".

⁴⁷ A/63/727.

⁴⁸ A/63/768.

III. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

Resolution B

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/788/Add.1, para. 6)

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,⁴⁹ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁰ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵¹

Recalling Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council established in Chad and the Central African Republic a multidimensional presence, including a United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1861 (2009) of 14 January 2009, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 15 March 2010 and authorized the deployment of a military component of the Mission,

Recalling also its resolution 62/233 A of 22 December 2007 on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 63/274 A of 7 April 2009,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

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 and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 66.4 million United States dollars, representing some 14 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight 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 Mission in full;

⁴⁹ A/63/565 and A/63/817.

⁵⁰ A/63/746/Add.13.

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Fifth Committee, 50th meeting (A/C.5/63/SR.50)*, and corrigendum.

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4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
5. *Also 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;
6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;
9. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda, has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account ongoing efforts in this regard;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁰ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee,⁵¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
12. *Takes note* of paragraphs 24, 31, 44, 46, 49 and 60 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
13. *Decides* to reclassify the post of Chief of Staff in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General from the D-1 to the D-2 level;
14. *Takes note* of paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and recognizes that improvement of national airport infrastructure is the responsibility of the host country, where possible;
15. *Welcomes* the dispatch of a Tiger Team to the Mission, which considerably expedited the recruitment of national and international staff, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;
16. *Commends* the initiative of the Mission to prepare a water production and conservation policy, and requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, to ensure that lessons learned are shared with other operations in similar situations;
17. *Also commends* the Mission for its efforts to assist in increasing the number of female officers in the Détachement intégré de sécurité, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure continued efforts in this regard;
18. *Reaffirms* section XX of resolution 61/276, and encourages the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad and other United Nations missions in the region to continue, where possible, the efforts to achieve greater synergies, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;
19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

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20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

21. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;⁵²

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

23. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 721,167,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 690,753,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 25,312,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 5,102,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

24. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 509,857,584 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 15 March 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010;⁵³

25. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 7,379,117 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 5,160,026 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,862,981 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 356,110 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 211,309,816 dollars for the period from 16 March to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 60,097,283 dollars, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010,⁵³ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

27. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,058,283 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,138,574 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 772,119 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 147,590 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

28. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 18,647,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

⁵² A/63/565.

⁵³ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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29. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 18,647,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 28 above;

30. *Also decides* that the decrease of 1,537,800 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 18,647,300 dollars referred to in paragraphs 28 and 29 above;

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

32. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

33. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".

RESOLUTIONS 63/275 A and B

63/275. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Resolution A

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/789, para. 6)

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009⁵⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁵

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, in which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to a further decision of the Council by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the Mission to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the Mission, including equipment and services,

Recognizing that the costs of this support to the African Union Mission in Somalia are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that, in its resolution 1863 (2009), the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia by 15 April 2009,

⁵⁴ A/63/758.

⁵⁵ A/63/780.

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1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the logistical support package;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency with regard to the use of United Nations resources, bearing in mind the specific nature of the support package;

Estimates for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2009

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the support provided to the African Union Mission in Somalia, for the purpose of accounting for the income received and the expenditure incurred;

5. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 77,790,900 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50 million dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, which comprises the amount of 2,149,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the amount of 47,851,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

Financing of the commitment authority

6. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,149,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

7. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 290,387 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008;

8. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 69,338,401 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

9. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 239,250 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009;

10. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 6,303,499 dollars for the period from 1 to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate;

11. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 21,750 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 to 30 June 2009, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate;

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12. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

13. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled “Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)”.

Resolution B

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/789/Add.1, para. 6)

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009⁵⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, by which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to its further decision by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the Mission to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the Mission, including equipment and services,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1872 (2009) of 26 May 2009, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide a logistical support package for the African Union Mission in Somalia until 31 January 2010,

Recalling further its resolution 63/275A of 7 April 2009 on the financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009),

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 United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the logistical support package;

2. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda, has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account the ongoing efforts in this regard;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on relevant legislative mandates;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

⁵⁶ A/63/867.

⁵⁷ A/63/874.

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5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency with regard to the use of United Nations resources, bearing in mind the specific nature of the support package;

Estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 138,802,500 United States dollars;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a full 2009/10 budget in a timely manner, with a view to taking a decision thereon no later than 31 October 2009;

Financing of the commitment authority

9. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 138,802,500 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

10. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,347,800 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

11. *Further decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia the amount of 6,102,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, comprising 5,078,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,023,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 6,102,400 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and the scale of assessments for 2010;⁵⁸

13. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 629,700 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 528,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 101,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund in Support of the African Union Mission to Somalia;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".

⁵⁸ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 63/276

Adopted at the 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/649/Add.1, para. 8)

63/276. Accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/272 of 23 December 2004 and 60/254 of 8 May 2006, section I of its resolution 60/260 of 8 May 2006, its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/245 of 22 December 2006, paragraph 22 of its resolution 62/236 of 22 December 2007 and paragraphs 15 and 16 of its resolution 62/250 of 20 June 2008,

Recalling also its resolutions 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003 and 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257 of 8 May 2006,

Aware of the significant flaws in terms of internal monitoring, inspection and accountability regarding, for example, the management of the United Nations oil-for-food programme,

Noting that since its sixtieth session, the General Assembly has included in its agenda the item entitled “Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme”,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework,⁵⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁰ as well as the related section of the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 January to 31 July 2008,⁶¹

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management in the United Nations,⁶² and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process⁶³ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,⁶⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework,⁵⁹ and the related section of the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 January to 31 July 2008,⁶¹

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management in the United Nations,⁶² and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process⁶³ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;⁶⁴

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

⁵⁹ A/62/701 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁶⁰ A/63/457.

⁶¹ A/63/328, sect. III.D.

⁶² A/63/268.

⁶³ See A/61/805.

⁶⁴ See A/62/704.

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4. *Reaffirms its commitment* to strengthening accountability in the Secretariat and the accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States and the achievement of results, and emphasizes the importance of establishing real, effective and efficient mechanisms that foster institutional and personal accountability;

5. *Stresses* that accountability is a central pillar of effective and efficient management that requires attention at the highest level;

6. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257, in which it endorsed the benchmarking framework for the implementation of results-based management in the United Nations, and that the implementation of any proposal on the accountability of the Secretariat to Member States shall in no way call into question the sole prerogative of Member States in respect of defining the roles and responsibilities of the intergovernmental bodies and oversight bodies for results-based management, including all aspects of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation;

7. *Strongly urges* the Secretary-General to respect the sole prerogative of Member States regarding the application of the proposed actions included in paragraph 86 of his report,⁶⁵ in particular principle 4, and requests him to refrain from redefining the roles and responsibilities of the intergovernmental bodies and oversight bodies for results-based management, including all aspects of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation;

8. *Decides* not to endorse the proposed accountability framework;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, for consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session, in consultation with the respective oversight bodies, drawing on the expertise of relevant United Nations entities and taking fully into account all relevant resolutions on accountability, a comprehensive report including, inter alia:

(a) A clear definition of accountability and proposals on accountability mechanisms, including clear parameters for their application and the instruments for their rigorous enforcement, without exceptions at any level, and a clear definition of roles and responsibilities;

(b) Clear and specific measures to ensure the access of Member States to timely and reliable information on results achieved and resources used by the United Nations Secretariat, as well as its performance including on measures to improve performance reporting;

(c) Concrete measures to ensure the timely implementation of the recommendations of the oversight bodies;

(d) Measures to strengthen personal accountability within the Secretariat and institutional accountability towards Member States on the results achieved and resources used;

(e) Measures to ensure transparency in the selection and appointment process of senior managers, including at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General levels;

(f) Concrete proposals on the reform of the performance appraisal system, taking fully into account the views of staff, as well as on sanctions for under-performance and rewards for outstanding performance to be applied for staff and senior management, including at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General levels;

(g) A clear definition of responsibilities resulting from the delegation of authority, and clear guidelines for programme managers for exercising that authority and actions to improve the system of the delegation of authority, including, inter alia, through systematic reporting mechanisms on how the delegated authority is exercised;

(h) Measures taken to implement the results-based management framework, including measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the senior management's leadership and

⁶⁵ A/62/701 and Corr.1.

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commitment to promoting and supporting a culture of results in the United Nations, as well as a common understanding of results-based management and its implications;

(i) Scope, parameters and time frame for the application of a reliable results-based management information system, including detailed information on its compatibility with existing and projected information management systems;

(j) A proposed detailed plan and road map for the implementation of the enterprise risk management and internal control framework;

(k) An explanation of how the measures to strengthen the Secretariat's accountability mechanisms would address the significant flaws in terms of internal monitoring, inspection and accountability regarding the management of the United Nations oil-for-food programme;

10. *Approves*, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009, the creation of one position at the P-4 level under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, to be financed under general temporary assistance for nine months, the primary objective being the preparation of the report referred to in paragraph 9 above, and to be reported in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget;

11. *Also approves*, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009, the redeployment of two posts (one P-4 and one General Service (Principal-level)) from section 29, Internal oversight, to section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, as well as the amount of 24,000 United States dollars in non-post resources;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to the pilot project referred to in paragraph 104 (b) of the report of the Secretary-General;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report, to be considered by the Fifth Committee at the first part of the resumed sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, on the modalities to be applied regarding the sharing of information contained in consultants' reports on management-related issues;

14. *Decides* that the consultants' reports referred to in paragraph 13 above are to be made available by the Secretary-General, upon the request of Member States, subject to approval by the General Assembly of the modalities to be applied;

15. *Notes* the existing practice of informal sharing of consultants' reports, and decides that the Secretary-General is to continue this practice, pending a decision on the report mentioned in paragraph 13 above;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with carrying out a review of the practices of the Secretariat in this regard;

17. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information-sharing practices between the United Nations and national law enforcement authorities, as well as referrals of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission",⁶⁶ without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters.

⁶⁶ A/63/331.

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RESOLUTION 63/283

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/648/Add.6, para. 6)

63/283. Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 62/237 A of 22 December 2007, section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section III of its resolution 62/245 of 3 April 2008, section XI of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008 and section IV of its resolution 63/268 of 7 April 2009,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council⁶⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁶⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁸ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Decides* to establish one Legal Affairs Officer position (P-4), one Senior Security Sector Reform Officer position (P-5) and one Human Rights Officer position (P-4);
4. *Approves* the revised budget for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2009 in the amount of 16,178,500 United States dollars gross (15,262,300 dollars net);
5. *Takes note* of the balance of 6,641,400 dollars under the appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009 based on actual expenditures incurred in 2008;
6. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the unencumbered balance of 6,641,400 dollars, under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 8,620,900 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;
7. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 916,200 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009.

RESOLUTION 63/284

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/638/Add.1, para. 6)

63/284. Timely submission of documents

The General Assembly,

Recalling section IV, paragraph 12, of its resolution 63/248 of 24 December 2008,

⁶⁷ A/63/346/Add.7.

⁶⁸ A/63/868.

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Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee⁶⁹ and the related reports of the Committee on Conferences⁷⁰ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee;⁶⁹
2. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee on Conferences;⁷⁰
3. *Reiterates* the importance of the timely issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee;
4. *Welcomes* the progress achieved so far by the task force concerning the timely issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee on peacekeeping financing;
5. *Notes with concern* the lack of conference services being provided to the Human Rights Council, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Council, as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, is provided with all necessary conference services to support its activities, including the universal periodic review;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with a review of the circumstances that led to insufficient conference services being put at the disposal of the Human Rights Council in 2009 and to submit its recommendations to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-fourth session in order to avoid similar situations;
7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to maintain the support to major groups participating in the 2009 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, to be held in Geneva.

RESOLUTION 63/285

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/894, para. 14)

63/285. Rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 62/252 of 20 June 2008,

Recalling also its resolutions 55/274 of 14 June 2001 and 59/298 of 22 June 2005,

Having considered the updated report of the Secretary-General on the review of the methodology for rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries⁷² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷³

1. *Takes note* of the updated report of the Secretary-General on the review of the methodology for rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;⁷²
2. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

⁶⁹ A/63/735.

⁷⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 32A (A/63/32/Add.1).*

⁷¹ A/63/746, sect. II.

⁷² A/63/697.

⁷³ A/63/746, sect. IVE.

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3. *Decides* that the cost of any equipment purchased in a foreign currency by a troop-contributing country as well as the salary of any troop paid in a foreign currency may be reported in that currency;

4. *Also decides* to approve the increase in the number of days of recreational leave allowance paid to members of the military contingents and formed police units from seven to fifteen.

RESOLUTION 63/286

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/894, para. 14)

63/286. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and its resolution 62/231 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/251 of 20 June 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 62/251,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base,⁷⁴ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁵ and the oral statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee,⁷⁶

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁷⁵ and the oral statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee,⁷⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Recalls* paragraphs 9 and 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that indicators of achievement reflect more fully the scope of functions and services provided by the United Nations Logistics Base to peacekeeping operations and other field missions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take measures to expedite receipt and inspection procedures on strategic deployment stocks shipped from the United Nations Logistics Base and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

5. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the General Assembly on a global support strategy for United Nations peacekeeping operations as referred to in paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that his proposals include a thorough cost-benefit analysis;

⁷⁴ A/63/626 and A/63/824 and Corr.1.

⁷⁵ A/63/746/Add.17.

⁷⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Fifth Committee, 52nd meeting (A/C.5/63/SR.52)*, and corrigendum.

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6. *Recalls* paragraph 51 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to relocate the Standing Police Capacity to the United Nations Logistics Base;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;⁷⁷

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

9. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 57,954,100 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

Financing of the budget estimates

10. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 3,209,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

(b) The balance of 54,744,300 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

(c) The estimated staff assessment income of 5,404,400 dollars, comprising the amount of 5,093,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and the increase of 310,500 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

11. *Also decides* to consider at its sixty-fourth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

RESOLUTION 63/287

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/894, para. 14)

63/287. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/245 and 61/246 of 22 December 2006, 61/256 of 15 March 2007, 61/279 of 29 June 2007 and 62/250 of 20 June 2008, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and its other relevant resolutions,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations⁷⁸ and on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to

⁷⁷ A/63/626.

⁷⁸ A/63/698 and Add.1 and A/63/767 and Corr.1.

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manage and sustain peacekeeping operations,⁷⁹ the reports of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010⁸⁰ and on vacant posts in the Office,⁸¹ the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Secretariat's structure for managing and sustaining peacekeeping operations⁸² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸³

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

Attaching great importance to the provision of adequate resources for peacekeeping operations and their backstopping as well as for all priority activities of the Organization, in particular activities in the area of development, and underlining the need for genuine and meaningful partnership between the Security Council, the troop-contributing Governments and other Member States,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations⁷⁸ and on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations,⁷⁹ the reports of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010⁸⁰ and on vacant posts in the Office⁸¹ and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Secretariat's structure for managing and sustaining peacekeeping operations;⁸²

2. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

3. *Also reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

5. *Reaffirms* that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resource requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

6. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

⁷⁹ A/63/702 and Corr.1.

⁸⁰ A/63/703.

⁸¹ A/63/737.

⁸² A/63/837.

⁸³ A/63/841.

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7. *Further reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;
8. *Reiterates* that the delegation of authority on the part of the Secretary-General should be in order to facilitate the better management of the Organization, but stresses that the overall responsibility for management of the Organization rests with the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer;
9. *Affirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;
10. *Stresses* that heads of departments report to and are accountable to the Secretary-General;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when submitting his budget proposals, to include details of the full annual cost of posts for the subsequent budget;
12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and other relevant resolutions;
13. *Notes* that the overall benefits of the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, remain yet to be fully assessed, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort to strengthen the capacity of the Organization to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations in the face of their surge in volume and complexity;
14. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General should address systemic issues that hamper good management of the Organization, including by improving work processes and procedures, and, in that context, stresses that structural change is no substitute for managerial improvement;
15. *Stresses* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure a strategic and coherent vision when undertaking reform initiatives, and, in this context, emphasizes that any new proposal for reform should fully take into account ongoing and past management reforms;
16. *Emphasizes* the importance of preserving the unity of command in missions at all levels, as well as a coherence in policy and strategy and clear command structures in the field and up to and including Headquarters;
17. *Also emphasizes* the importance of interaction and coordination with troop-contributing countries;
18. *Further emphasizes* the need to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel;
19. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,⁸² and urges the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations therein;
20. *Also takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on vacant posts in the Office of Internal Oversight Services,⁸¹ and requests the Secretary-General to fill the vacancies in the Office, in accordance with the existing relevant provisions governing recruitment in the United Nations and the provisions of the present resolution;
21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to implement the recommendations of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 22 to 29 and 33 to 35 of its report;⁸⁰

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22. *Stresses*, in this regard, the importance for the Office of Internal Oversight Services, in its reports on investigations of fraud and corruption in the Organization, to define and make a clear differentiation between the actual value of financial loss to the Organization, if any, and other findings that may not have direct financial implication and the total number and value of contracts investigated, in order to convey an accurate perception of the value of financial loss;

23. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

24. *Reiterates its regret* at the delay in the response of the Secretary-General to its outstanding requests in its resolutions 59/288 of 13 April 2005, 61/246 of 22 December 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 62/269 of 20 June 2008, and urges him, as a matter of priority, to submit a report on procurement governance and other issues, as requested in resolutions 61/246, 61/276 and 62/269, with full justification of the reasons for the delay;

25. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

26. *Notes* the observation of the Board of Auditors that there is no defined formula to show the relationship between the level and complexity of peacekeeping operations and the level of the support account,⁸⁴ and, in this regard, emphasizes the need to develop a sound approach for determining the proposed support account staffing requirements, so that Member States can make fully informed decisions on resources;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the level of the support account on a regular basis, taking into consideration the number, size and complexity of peacekeeping operations;

28. *Takes note* of paragraph 45 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁸³ and requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the relevant legislative mandates, to include, in his justification of the totality of support account staffing requirements, inter alia, information on and an analysis of the following:

(a) The lead agency, entity, department and/or offices for major strands of activity and the scope of their respective responsibilities;

(b) Comprehensive assessment of the evolution of the support account;

(c) Related human resources funded from the regular budget and other sources of funding, including in other departments of the United Nations Secretariat, resources in field missions and, where relevant, the specialized agencies and funds and programmes;

(d) Impact of the requested resources on the improvement to the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations;

(e) All functions covered by the proposed resources other than that of backstopping peacekeeping operations;

(f) The impact of information and communications technology initiatives, including related business process improvements, on the enhancement of productivity and on the level of resources requested;

(g) The outcome of business process improvements;

⁸⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/63/5)*, vol. II, chap. II, para. 62.

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(h) Lessons learned from recent experience of operating the support account, including on the conversion of general temporary assistance positions;

29. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 55/238, paragraph 11 of resolution 56/241, paragraph 19 of resolution 61/279, and paragraph 22 of resolution 62/250, and requests the Secretary-General to make further concrete efforts to ensure proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

30. *Reiterates* section III, paragraph 10, of resolution 63/250, and invites the Secretary-General, when appointing officials at the D-1 and D-2 levels in the Departments of the Secretariat that provide backstopping and/or policy guidance to field missions, to fully consider the relevant field experience of the candidates, as one of the highly desirable appointment criteria;

31. *Recalls* its resolution 63/280 of 8 May 2009 and decides to establish the Security Sector Reform Unit in the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions;

32. *Also recalls* paragraph 17 of resolution 60/268, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services the task of refining the methodology for allocating resident auditors, taking also into account the risks and complexity of the operation of individual peacekeeping operations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

33. *Stresses* that the due process rights afforded to staff under investigation have to withstand review by the system of the administration of justice, including in the context of the establishment of the new system;

34. *Notes with serious concern* the decision to advertise vacancies for positions not approved by the General Assembly, and stresses the need for vacancy announcements to be made in accordance with existing relevant provisions governing recruitment in the United Nations and that any changes involving administrative and financial implications shall be subject to the review and approval of the Assembly in accordance with established procedures;

35. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

36. *Takes note* of paragraph 175 of the report of the Advisory Committee;⁸³

37. *Decides* not to introduce the proposed structure based on the hub approach at this stage, and decides to designate, as a pilot project, centres of investigation in Nairobi, Vienna and New York from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2012;

38. *Recognizes* the value of resident investigators, and decides to maintain resident investigations staff presence in some peacekeeping operations, pending its consideration of the comprehensive report referred to in paragraph 40 below;

39. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report on the status of implementation of the pilot project at the second part of its resumed sixty-fifth session;

40. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration, in the context of the 2012/13 support account budget, after full consultations with all relevant stakeholders, integrating in particular the comments and observations of field missions, a comprehensive report on the pilot project, with a view to deciding on a restructuring of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, including:

(a) A complete qualitative analysis of the implementation of the three-year pilot project, including the lessons learned;

(b) A clear and transparent presentation of the existing structure and the pilot project structure and their respective coverage of field missions;

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(c) A comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, including of the effectiveness and efficiency of the structure of the pilot project based on accurate assumptions, including an analysis of the long-term trend of investigations in field missions;

(d) Fully justified rationale for all deployments of investigations staff and resources and the ability of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to respond to changing caseload requirements;

(e) Complete and updated information on the current staffing, vacancy rate and caseload;

41. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to request the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the implementation of the pilot project for the period of 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2012, without prejudice to the role of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, and to report thereon separately to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-sixth session;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

42. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008,⁸⁵

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

43. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 294,030,900 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, including 1,182 continuing posts, and 63 new temporary posts contained in annex I to the present resolution, and 83 continuing and 60 new general temporary assistance positions contained in annex II, as well as their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

44. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 15,056,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

(b) The amount of 7,322,600 dollars representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

(c) The amount of 62,800 dollars representing the excess of the appropriation for the support account requirements in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

(d) The balance of 271,589,200 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

(e) The estimated staff assessment income of 28,273,500 dollars, comprising the amount of 27,486,900 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and the increase of 786,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (d) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

⁸⁵ A/63/698 and Add.1.

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Annex I

Support account posts to be established for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

<i>Organizational unit</i>		<i>Number of posts</i>	<i>Post level</i>
Department of Peacekeeping Operations			
Office of Operations	GTA conversion	1	1 P-5
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	New	20	1 D-1, 1 P-5, 10 P-4, 6 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
	GTA conversion	1	P-3
Subtotal		22	
Department of Field Support			
Office of the Under Secretary-General	New	1	1 GS (PL)
Field Budget and Finance Division	New	2	2 P-4
Field Personnel Division	GTA conversion	2	2 P-3
Logistics Support Division	New	7	3 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 GS (PL)
	Reclassification		1 P-3 to P-4
	GTA conversion	1	1 GS (OL)
Subtotal		13	
Department of Management			
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	New	2	1 P-4, 1 GS (OL)
	GTA conversion	4	1 P-4, 3 P-3
	Reclassification		1 P-3 to P-4; 1 P-4 to P-5
Office of Human Resources Management	New	11	1 P-4, 5 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 GS (PL), 3 GS (OL)
	GTA conversion	3	2 P-4, 1 GS (OL)
Office of Central Support Services	New	3	1 P-4, 2 P-3
Subtotal		23	
Office of Internal Oversight Services			
Inspection and Evaluation Division	New	1	1 P-4
Internal Audit Division	New	1	1 P-5
Subtotal		2	
Office of Legal Affairs	New	2	1 P-5, 1 P-4
Subtotal		2	
Office of the United Nations Ombudsman			
	New	1	1 P-5
Subtotal		1	
Total		63	1D-1, 5 P-5, 23 P-4, 22 P-3, 1 P-2, 3 GS (PL), 8 GS (OL)

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other Level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal Level); GTA (General Temporary Assistance).

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Annex II

Support account general temporary assistance positions to be established for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

<i>Organizational unit</i>		<i>Number of positions</i>	<i>Position level</i>
Department of Peacekeeping Operations			
Office of Operations	Continuation	2	1 P-4, 1 GS (OL)
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	New	1	1 P-3
Policy, Evaluation and Training Division	Continuation	8	1 P-5, 3 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 GS (OL)
Subtotal		11	
Department of Field Support			
Field Personnel Division	Continuation	6	4 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
	New	13	11 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
Field Budget and Finance Division	Continuation	1	1 P-4
Logistics Support Division	Continuation	2	2 P-3
	New	1	1 P-3
Subtotal		23	
Department of Management			
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	New	2	1 P-4, 1 GS (OL)
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	Continuation	14	5 P-4, 4 P-3, 1 P-2, 4 GS (OL)
Office of Human Resources Management*	New	22	4 P-4, 4 P-3, 2 P-2, 12 GS (OL)
Office of Central Support Services	Continuation	3	3 GS (OL)
	New	4	3 P-3, 1 P-2
Subtotal		45	
Office of Internal Oversight Services			
Investigations Division	Continuation	2	New York: 1 P-3, 1 GS (OL)
	New	7	New York: 1 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
	Continuation	14	Vienna: 1 D-1, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 7 P-3, 2 GS (OL), 1 GS (PL)
	New	6	Nairobi: 1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
	Continuation	10	Nairobi: 3 P-4, 5 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
	Continuation	12	MONUC: 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 NGS UNMIL: 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 NGS UNMIS: 1 P-4, 2 P-3 MINUSTAH: 1 P-4 UNOCI: 1 P-4
Subtotal		51	

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<i>Organizational unit</i>		<i>Number of positions</i>	<i>Position level</i>
Office of Legal Affairs	New	1	1 P-4
	Subtotal	1	
Ethics Office	Continuation	2	1 P-3, 1 GS (OL)
	Subtotal	2	
Office of Information and Communications Technology	Continuation	7	5 P-3, 2 GS (OL)
	New	3	1 P-5, 2 P-3
	Subtotal	10	
	Total	143	

*Note: General temporary assistance positions equivalent to 2,018,900 dollars (before the application of the approved vacancy rates).

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other Level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal Level); NGS (National General Service); MONUC (United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); UNMIL (United Nations Mission in Liberia); UNMIS (United Nations Mission in the Sudan); MINUSTAH (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti); UNOCI (United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire).

RESOLUTION 63/288

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/895, para. 6)

63/288. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi⁸⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 1545 (2004) of 21 May 2004, by which the Council authorized, for an initial period of six months as from 1 June 2004, with the intention to renew it for further periods, the deployment of a peacekeeping operation called the United Nations Operation in Burundi, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the last of which was resolution 1692 (2006) of 30 June 2006, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 31 December 2006,

Recalling also its resolution 58/312 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/253 of 20 June 2008,

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,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Burundi as at 31 March 2009, including the credits in the amount of 49.4 million United States dollars;

⁸⁶ A/63/551.

⁸⁷ A/63/773.

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2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁷ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Disposition of assets

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi,⁸⁶

4. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where they have outstanding assessed contributions;

5. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions in full;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi".

RESOLUTION 63/289

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/896, para. 6)

63/289. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire,⁸⁸ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁸⁹ and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the performance and the achievement of results by the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire,⁹⁰

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 1865 (2009) of 27 January 2009, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 31 July 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/254 of 20 June 2008,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation 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

⁸⁸ A/63/610 and A/63/724.

⁸⁹ A/63/746/Add.7.

⁹⁰ A/63/713.

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resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 132.2 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-nine 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 Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give consideration to making the fullest possible use of the facilities at the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the performance and the achievement of results by the Operation,⁹⁰ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations therein;

17. *Expresses concern* at the comments of the Office of Internal Oversight Services contained in paragraphs 14, 31 and 32 of its report;

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Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

18. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;⁹¹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

19. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 513,442,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of the amount of 491,774,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 18,033,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,635,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

20. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 42,786,883 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2009 in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

21. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 990,333 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 803,992 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 156,441 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 29,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

22. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 470,655,717 dollars for the period from 1 August 2009 to 30 June 2010, at a monthly rate of 42,786,883 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010,⁹² subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

23. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,893,667 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,843,908 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 1,720,859 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 328,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

24. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 19.5 million dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

25. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 19.5 million dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 24 above;

⁹¹ A/63/610.

⁹² To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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26. *Also decides* that the decrease of 156,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 19.5 million dollars referred to in paragraphs 24 and 25 above;

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

28. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

29. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

30. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

RESOLUTION 63/290

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/897, para. 6)

63/290. 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 Cyprus⁹³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹⁴

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 1873 (2009) of 29 May 2009, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 December 2009,

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 62/255 of 20 June 2008,

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,⁹⁵

⁹³ A/63/536 and A/63/693.

⁹⁴ A/63/746/Add.9.

⁹⁵ S/1994/647.

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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,

Acknowledging paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 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 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 16.6 million United States dollars, representing some 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-eight 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 financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Notes* the reduction in rotation travel costs, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to increase efficiency gains in this regard;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Welcomes* the progress which has been made so far by the host Government and the Force regarding the renovation of the accommodation of military contingent personnel as well as other personnel of the Force, and requests the Secretary-General to continue making every effort, in coordination with the host Government, to ensure that the renovations are completed as scheduled, without delay, and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

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15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008,⁹⁶

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 56,794,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 54,412,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,982,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 399,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

19. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 18,074,373 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;

20. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 32,220,527 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,685,044 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010,⁹⁷ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

21. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,517,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,271,700 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 206,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 39,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

22. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 704,903 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

23. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 704,903 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

⁹⁶ A/63/536.

⁹⁷ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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24. *Also decides*, that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 214,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 704,903 dollars referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

25. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2008, that one third of other income in the amount of 436,090 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

26. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2008, that the prorated share of other income in the amount of 169,307 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

27. *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;

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

29. *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;

30. *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 procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

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

RESOLUTION 63/291

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/898, para. 6)

63/291. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,⁹⁸ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹⁹ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁰

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which were resolution 1843 (2008) of 20 November 2008, by which the Council authorized a temporary increase of the

⁹⁸ A/63/563 and A/63/806.

⁹⁹ A/63/746/Add.16.

¹⁰⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Fifth Committee, 51st meeting (A/C.5/63/SR.51)*, and corrigendum.

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authorized military strength of the Mission by up to 2,785 military personnel and the strength of its formed police unit by up to 300 personnel, and resolution 1856 (2008) of 22 December 2008, by which the Council extended the deployment of the Mission until 31 December 2009 and authorized the continuation until that date of up to 19,815 military personnel, 760 military observers, 391 police personnel and 1,050 personnel of formed police units,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/256 of 20 June 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 274.0 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-two 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 Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda, has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account the ongoing efforts in this regard;

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10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹⁹ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

12. *Takes note* of paragraphs 48 and 49 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve 16 general temporary assistance positions for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region for six months;

13. *Also takes note* of paragraph 69 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹⁰¹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,405,912,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 1,346,584,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 49,374,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 9,952,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

19. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 702,956,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

20. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 16,179,450 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 13,118,150 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,570,050 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 491,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 702,956,000 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 117,159,333 dollars, in accordance

¹⁰¹ A/63/563.

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with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010,¹⁰² subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

22. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 16,179,450 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 13,118,150 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,570,050 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 491,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 69,974,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

24. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 69,974,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 23 above;

25. *Also decides* that the decrease of 330,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 69,974,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 23 and 24 above;

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

27. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

28. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

29. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

RESOLUTION 63/292

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/899, para. 7)

63/292. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste,¹⁰³ the related report of the Advisory Committee on

¹⁰² To be adopted by the General Assembly.

¹⁰³ A/63/607 and A/63/710 and Add.1.

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Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁴ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁵

Recalling Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006, by which the Council decided to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew it for further periods, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1867 (2009) of 26 February 2009, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 26 February 2010,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/249 A of 22 December 2006 and 61/249 B of 2 April 2007 on the financing of the Mission, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/258 of 20 June 2008,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 42.2 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-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;

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 Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

¹⁰⁴ A/63/746/Add.3.

¹⁰⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Fifth Committee, 48th meeting (A/C.5/63/SR.48)*, and corrigendum.

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9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁴ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

12. *Also takes note* of paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Further takes note* of paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the establishment of posts and United Nations Volunteer positions as proposed in paragraphs 59 to 87 of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁰⁶ except for one Field Service post for a CarLog/FuelLog Supervisor, four United Nations Volunteer positions for English Language Teachers, two national General Service posts for Administrative Assistants and nine national General Service posts for Security Assistants;

14. *Takes note* of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

15. *Also takes note* of paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission provides all the necessary support for the local elections planned for 2009 in Timor-Leste, as mandated by the Security Council in its resolution 1867 (2009), and, in this regard, decides to approve the resource requirements of 3,073,200 dollars for the support of local elections in Timor-Leste;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the steps necessary to facilitate the acceleration of the recruitment process and improve incumbency levels in the Mission;

21. *Welcomes* the introduction in July 2008 of the new database, the misconduct tracking system, to record and track allegations of misconduct aimed at having a more accurate recording of all complaints and allegations received by the Mission, notes the increased number of allegations of serious and minor misconduct, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary measures are being taken in order to address this situation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹⁰⁷

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

23. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste the amount of 215,011,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to

¹⁰⁶ A/63/710.

¹⁰⁷ A/63/607.

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30 June 2010, inclusive of 205,939,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 7,550,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,521,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

24. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 142,061,175 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 26 February 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010;¹⁰⁸

25. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,746,230 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 5,127,605 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 519,320 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 99,305 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 72,950,325 dollars for the period from 27 February to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 17,917,625 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010,¹⁰⁸ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

27. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,950,770 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,633,095 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 266,680 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 50,995 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

28. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 14,477,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

29. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 14,477,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 28 above;

30. *Also decides* that the decrease of 761,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 14,477,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 28 and 29 above;

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

32. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the

¹⁰⁸ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

33. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste”.

RESOLUTION 63/293

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/900, para. 6)

63/293. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia¹⁰⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁰

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the last of which was resolution 1866 (2009) of 13 February 2009,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/260 of 20 June 2008,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to complete its administrative liquidation,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 14.2 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-four 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;

2. *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 Observer Mission in full;

¹⁰⁹ A/63/517 and A/63/684.

¹¹⁰ A/63/746/Add.6.

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3. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹⁰

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the administrative liquidation of the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the administrative liquidation budget for the Observer Mission to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-fourth session for consideration;

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6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹¹¹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009

7. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 15 million dollars for the administrative liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009;

Financing of the appropriation

8. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 10 million dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

9. *Further decides* to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 652,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, comprising 543,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 109,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

10. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 652,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010;¹¹²

11. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 67,400 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 56,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 10,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

12. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 3,560,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

¹¹¹ A/63/517.

¹¹² To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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13. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 3,560,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Also decides* that the decrease of 164,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 3,560,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 12 and 13 above;

15. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Observer Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

RESOLUTION 63/294

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/901, para. 6)

63/294. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti¹¹³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁴

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1840 (2008) of 14 October 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2009,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/261 of 20 June 2008,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

¹¹³ A/63/549 and Corr.1 and A/63/709.

¹¹⁴ A/63/746/Add.10.

III. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;
2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 132.8 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-six 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 Mission in full;
4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
5. *Also 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;
6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
11. *Takes note* of paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and emphasizes the importance of providing appropriate training for national staff, as it contributes to building national capacity;
12. *Also takes note* of paragraphs 32 and 47 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;
14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;
15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;
16. *Stresses* the importance of hiring Haitian nationals against national posts in the Mission, taking into account the need to promote national capacity-building and in order to bring to the Mission experience and knowledge of the local culture, language, traditions and institutions, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure accurate and timely posting of vacancy announcements for national staff on the Mission website;

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17. *Decides* to allocate up to 3 million dollars for quick-impact projects for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination between the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies, such as the unrest generated by the food crisis in Haiti;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

19. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹¹⁵

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 638,706,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 611,751,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 22,433,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,521,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

21. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 186,289,366 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,914,321 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,102,960 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 681,161 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 130,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 452,417,034 dollars for the period from 16 October 2009 to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 53,225,533 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010,¹¹⁶ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

24. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,934,779 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,964,340 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,654,239 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 316,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 19,025,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the

¹¹⁵ A/63/549 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁶ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

26. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 19,025,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Also decides* that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 44,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 19,025,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

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

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".

RESOLUTION 63/295

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/902, para. 7)

63/295. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo¹¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁸

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/262 of 20 June 2008,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

¹¹⁷ A/63/569 and A/63/803 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁸ A/63/746/Add.14.

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Mindful also of the need to ensure coordination and cooperation with the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo,

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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 62.7 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only eighty-eight 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 Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁸ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Decides* to create three positions at the P-5, P-4 and P-3 levels in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, to be funded under general temporary assistance and accommodated within the level of the approved budget;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹¹⁹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

17. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 48,864,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 46,809,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,711,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 344,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

18. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 48,864,900 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010;¹²⁰

19. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 4,204,600 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,992,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 178,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 34,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,413,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

21. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,413,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Further decides* that the increase of 317,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 5,413,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

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

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

¹¹⁹ A/63/569.

¹²⁰ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo”.

RESOLUTION 63/296

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/903, para. 6)

63/296. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia¹²¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1497 (2003) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1836 (2008) of 29 September 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 September 2009,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/261 A of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/263 of 20 June 2008,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Liberia as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 96.6 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-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;

¹²¹ A/63/588 and Corr.1 and A/63/734.

¹²² A/63/746/Add.8.

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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 Mission in full;
4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
5. *Also 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;
6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give consideration to making the fullest possible use of facilities at the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²² subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
12. *Recalls* paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to enhance his efforts to carry out the approved quick-impact projects in a timely manner, while addressing the underlying issues hampering implementation at the Mission;
13. *Also recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to improve the presentation of the needs for personnel in order to have a clear view of the new posts proposed;
14. *Takes note* of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
15. *Stresses* the importance of maintaining experienced staff during the drawdown period of the Mission and of expanding the skills of all staff, including national staff;
16. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to make efforts to implement all planned activities, especially those related to national capacity-building;
17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the staffing structure of the Mission under review and to report to the General Assembly about possible post reductions, in particular for the support activities, in the context of the budget for the period 2010/11;
18. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Mission with regard to environmental issues;
19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;
20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;
21. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹²³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

23. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 585,682,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 560,978,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 20,559,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,144,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

24. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 146,420,525 dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

25. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,419,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,782,450 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 535,075 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 102,275 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 439,261,575 dollars for the period from 1 October 2009 to 30 June 2010, at a monthly rate of 48,806,842 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010,¹²⁴ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

27. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,259,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,347,350 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,605,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 306,825 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

28. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 54,157,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

29. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 54,157,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 28 above;

¹²³ A/63/588 and Corr.1.

¹²⁴ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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30. *Also decides* that the decrease of 758,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 54,157,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 28 and 29 above;

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

32. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

33. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia".

RESOLUTION 63/297

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/904, para. 6)

63/297. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force¹²⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²⁶

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1848 (2008) of 12 December 2008,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/264 of 20 June 2008,

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,

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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of

¹²⁵ A/63/521 and A/63/686 and Corr.2.

¹²⁶ A/63/746/Add.2.

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17.0 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-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;

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 financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of resolution 62/264 and paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/265 of 20 June 2008, and decides not to endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008,¹²⁷

17. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 2,517,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in addition to the amount of 41,586,600 dollars already

¹²⁷ A/63/521.

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appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of General Assembly resolution 61/287 of 29 June 2007;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

18. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 41,586,600 dollars already apportioned under the terms of resolution 61/287, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 2,517,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

19. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 79,000 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 47,020,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 45,029,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,656,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 333,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

21. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 47,020,300 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,918,358 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010,¹²⁸ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 1,543,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,338,000 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, the prorated share of 172,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 32,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of other income in the total amount of 2,076,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

24. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of other income in the total amount of 2,076,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 23 above;

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

¹²⁸ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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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 procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East”, the sub-item entitled “United Nations Disengagement Observer Force”.

RESOLUTION 63/298

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/905, para. 12),¹²⁹ by a recorded vote of 134 to 2, with no abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: None

63/298. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon¹³⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³¹

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1832 (2008) of 27 August 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 August 2009,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/265 of 20 June 2008,

¹²⁹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was introduced in the Committee by the representative of Sudan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

¹³⁰ A/63/520 and A/63/689 and Corr.1.

¹³¹ A/63/746/Add.11.

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Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of 15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001, 56/214 A of 21 December 2001, 56/214 B of 27 June 2002, 57/325 of 18 June 2003, 58/307 of 18 June 2004, 59/307 of 22 June 2005, 60/278 of 30 June 2006, 61/250 A of 22 December 2006, 61/250 B of 2 April 2007, 61/250 C of 29 June 2007 and 62/265 of 20 June 2008,

Reaffirming also 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,

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 the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Force as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 115.8 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-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;

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 deep concern* that Israel did not comply with resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307, 60/278, 61/250 A, 61/250 B, 61/250 C and 62/265;

5. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307, 60/278, 61/250 A, 61/250 B, 61/250 C and 62/265;

6. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

7. *Also 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;

8. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

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12. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³¹ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 62/264 of 20 June 2008 and paragraph 12 of resolution 62/265, and decides not to endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

14. *Takes note* of paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

15. *Decides* to apply a vacancy factor of 18 per cent for both international and national staff of the Force;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

19. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of resolution 56/214 B, paragraph 14 of resolution 57/325, paragraph 13 of resolution 58/307, paragraph 13 of resolution 59/307, paragraph 17 of resolution 60/278, paragraph 21 of resolution 61/250 A, paragraph 20 of resolution 61/250 B, paragraph 20 of resolution 61/250 C and paragraph 21 of resolution 62/265, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

20. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008,¹³²

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

21. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 615,775,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 589,799,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 21,618,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,357,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

22. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 102,629,217 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 August 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

23. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member

¹³² A/63/520.

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States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 2,263,183 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,816,400 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 375,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 71,683 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

24. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 513,146,083 dollars for the period from 1 September 2009 to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 51,314,608 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010,¹³³ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

25. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 11,315,917 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,082,000 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 1,875,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 358,417 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 154,291,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

27. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 154,291,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 26 above;

28. *Also decides* that the decrease of 2,703,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 154,291,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 26 and 27 above;

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

30. *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;

31. *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 procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

32. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

¹³³ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 63/299

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/906, para. 6)

63/299. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone¹³⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³⁵

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 30 April 2009, including the credits in the amount of 44.9 million United States dollars;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone;¹³⁴

4. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in the amount of 15,633,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in Assembly resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

5. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 4 above to apply those credits to any accounts where they have outstanding assessed contributions;

6. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions in full;

7. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 15,633,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 4 above;

8. *Also decides* that updated information on the financial position of the Mission shall be included in the report on the updated position of closed peacekeeping missions, to be considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session under the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

9. *Further decides* to delete from its agenda the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

¹³⁴ A/63/681.

¹³⁵ A/63/746/Add.1.

RESOLUTION 63/300

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/63/907, para. 6)

63/300. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara¹³⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1871 (2009) of 30 April 2009, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2010,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/268 of 20 June 2008,

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,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission 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 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 46.1 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only eighty-six 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 Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also 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;

¹³⁶ A/63/608 and A/63/757.

¹³⁷ A/63/746/Add.15.

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6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
11. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;
13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;
14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;¹³⁸

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 55,877,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 53,527,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,955,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 394,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

17. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 46,564,333 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 April 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010;¹³⁹

18. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,026,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,823,917 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 169,583 dollars of the estimated

¹³⁸ A/63/608.

¹³⁹ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 32,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 9,312,867 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2010, at a monthly rate of 4,656,433 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010,¹³⁹ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

20. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 405,200 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 364,783 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 33,917 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 6,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,723,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

22. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,723,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 21 above;

23. *Also decides* that the increase of 151,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 1,723,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 21 and 22 above;

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

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

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A. Elections and appointments

63/405. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

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At its 75th plenary meeting, on 20 February 2009, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairman of the regional group concerned, of MEXICO as a member of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009, to fill the seventh vacancy.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ARGENTINA,** AUSTRIA,** BELARUS,* CHINA,** CONGO,*** FRANCE,** GERMANY,* GRENADA,* HONDURAS,* JAPAN,** KENYA,** MALAYSIA,*** MEXICO,** MOZAMBIQUE,*** NIGERIA,* PHILIPPINES,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SENEGAL,* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,* TUNISIA** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

63/408. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

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At its 84th plenary meeting, on 26 May 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,³ appointed Ms. Gönke Roscher as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 26 May 2009 and ending on 31 December 2011, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Thomas Thomma.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Joseph ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (*Benin*),** Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),* Mr. Meshal AL-MANSOUR (*Kuwait*),* Mr. Abdelmalek BOUHEDDOU (*Algeria*),** Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),* Mr. Gordon ECKERSLEY (*Australia*),** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER DEL HOYO (*Uruguay*),** Mr. Luis Mariano HERMOSILLO SOSA (*Mexico*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),* Mr. Vyacheslav Anatolievich LOGUTOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Ms. Gobona Susan MAPITSE (*Botswana*),* Mr. Richard MOON (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. PARK Hae-yun (*Republic of Korea*),*** Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),** Ms. Gönke ROSCHER (*Germany*),*** Ms. Lisa P. SPRATT (*United States of America*),* Mr. Courtney H. WILLIAMS (*Jamaica*),*** and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

¹ Decision 63/405, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 63/405 A.

² Decision 63/408, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 63/408 A.

³ A/63/529/Add.1, para. 4.

63/414. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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At its 87th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2009, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council⁵ and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, as well as Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, elected ISRAEL as a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 10 June 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-one Member States:⁶ ARGENTINA,*** ARMENIA,*** BANGLADESH,** BELARUS,*** BRAZIL,*** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,*** CHINA,** COMOROS,* CUBA,*** FRANCE,* GUINEA,*** HAITI,* INDIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** ISRAEL,* ITALY,*** JAMAICA,** KAZAKHSTAN,*** KENYA,** LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,** NIGER,** NIGERIA,*** PAKISTAN,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SOUTH AFRICA,*** SPAIN,*** UKRAINE,*** URUGUAY,*** VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)* and ZIMBABWE.*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

63/416. Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 20 February 2009, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, reappointed Mr. Tadanori Inomata as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2010 and expiring on 31 December 2014.⁷

As a result, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed as follows: Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),* Mr. Nicolay V. CHULKOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Papa Louis FALL (*Senegal*),* Mr. Even Francisco FONTAINE ORTIZ (*Cuba*),** Mr. Tadanori INOMATA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Mohamed MOUNIR-ZAHRAN (*Egypt*),** Mr. István POSTA (*Hungary*),* Mr. Enrique ROMÁN-MOREY (*Peru*),** Mr. Cihan TERZI (*Turkey*),* Ms. Deborah WYNES (*United States of America*)** and Mr. ZHANG Yishan (*China*).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2012.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2014.

⁴ Decision 63/414 in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 63/414 A.

⁵ See A/63/312/Add.1; see also Economic and Social Council decision 2009/201 C.

⁶ At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that an election would be held at a later date, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council, to fill the remaining seats on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

⁷ See A/63/667.

63/417. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal

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At its 76th plenary meeting, on 2 March 2009, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 4 of the statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, contained in annex I to resolution 63/253 of 24 December 2008, and on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council,⁸ appointed the following persons as judges of the Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 1 July 2009: Mr. Thomas LAKER (*Germany*) for a seven-year term of office as full-time judge in Geneva, Mr. Vinod BOOLELL (*Mauritius*) for a seven-year term of office as full-time judge in Nairobi, Ms. Memooda EBRAHIM-CARSTENS (*Botswana*) for a three-year term of office as full-time judge in New York, Ms. Coral SHAW (*New Zealand*) for a seven-year term of office as half-time judge and Mr. Goolam Hoosen Kader MEERAN (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*) for a three-year term of office as half-time judge.

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At its 78th plenary meeting, on 31 March 2009, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolution 63/253 of 24 December 2008, and on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council,⁹ appointed the following persons as ad litem judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2009: Mr. Michael ADAMS (*Australia*), Mr. Jean-François COUSIN (*France*) and Ms. Nkemdilim Amelia IZUAKO (*Nigeria*).

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided that the three ad litem judges would remain eligible for appointment as either full-time or half-time judges of the Tribunal in accordance with its statute once they have completed their one-year term.

As a result, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Michael ADAMS (*Australia*, ad litem),* Mr. Vinod BOOLELL (*Mauritius*, full-time, Nairobi),*** Mr. Jean-François COUSIN (*France*, ad litem),* Ms. Memooda EBRAHIM-CARSTENS (*Botswana*, full-time, New York),** Ms. Nkemdilim Amelia IZUAKO (*Nigeria*, ad litem),* Mr. Thomas LAKER (*Germany*, full-time, Geneva),*** Mr. Goolam Hoosen Kader MEERAN (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, half-time)** and Ms. Coral SHAW (*New Zealand*, half-time).***

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2010.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2012.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2016.

63/418. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 2 March 2009, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3 of the statute of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, contained in annex II to resolution 63/253 of 24 December 2008, and on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council,⁸ appointed the following persons as judges of the Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 1 July 2009: for a seven-year term of office, Ms. Sophia ADINYIRA (*Ghana*), Ms. Rose BOYKO (*Canada*), Mr. Luis Maria SIMÓN (*Uruguay*) and Ms. Inés WEINBERG DE ROCA (*Argentina*); and for a three-year term of office, Mr. Jean COURTIAL (*France*), Mr. Kamaljit Singh GAREWAL (*India*) and Mr. Mark P. PAINTER (*United States of America*).

As a result, the United Nations Appeals Tribunal is composed as follows: Ms. Sophia ADINYIRA (*Ghana*),** Ms. Rose BOYKO (*Canada*),** Mr. Jean COURTIAL (*France*),*

⁸ See A/63/489.

⁹ See A/63/489/Add.1.

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Mr. Kamaljit Singh GAREWAL (*India*),* Mr. Mark P. PAINTER (*United States of America*),*
Mr. Luis Maria SIMÓN (*Uruguay*)** and Ms. Inés WEINBERG DE ROCA (*Argentina*).**

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2012.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2016.

63/419. Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 31 March 2009, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Ms. Helen CLARK as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 20 April 2009 and ending on 19 April 2013.¹⁰

63/420. Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 12 May 2009, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, elected as members of the Human Rights Council, for a three-year term of office beginning on 19 June 2009, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, CAMEROON, CHINA, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, HUNGARY, JORDAN, KYRGYZSTAN, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, NIGERIA, NORWAY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, CAMEROON, CANADA, CHINA, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, GERMANY, JORDAN, MALAYSIA, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, NIGERIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SWITZERLAND and URUGUAY.

As a result, the Human Rights Council is composed of the following forty-seven Member States: ANGOLA,* ARGENTINA,** BAHRAIN,** BANGLADESH,*** BELGIUM,*** BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF),* BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA,* BRAZIL,** BURKINA FASO,** CAMEROON,*** CHILE,** CHINA,*** CUBA,*** DJIBOUTI,*** EGYPT,* FRANCE,** GABON,** GHANA,** HUNGARY,*** INDIA,* INDONESIA,* ITALY,* JAPAN,** JORDAN,*** KYRGYZSTAN,*** MADAGASCAR,* MAURITIUS,*** MEXICO,*** NETHERLANDS,* NICARAGUA,* NIGERIA,*** NORWAY,*** PAKISTAN,** PHILIPPINES,* QATAR,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SAUDI ARABIA,*** SENEGAL,*** SLOVAKIA,** SLOVENIA,* SOUTH AFRICA,* UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,*** URUGUAY*** and ZAMBIA.**

* Term of office expires on 18 June 2010.

** Term of office expires on 18 June 2011.

*** Term of office expires on 18 June 2012.

63/421. Election of the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session¹¹

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2009, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations, rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and paragraph 1 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected by acclamation Mr. Ali Abdussalam TREKI of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as President of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

¹⁰ See A/63/109.

¹¹ In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

63/422. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session¹¹

On 10 June 2009, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings in accordance with rules 99 (a) and 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 87th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2009, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected as Chairmen of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session:

<i>First Committee:</i>	Mr. José Luis CANCELA (Uruguay)
<i>Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):</i>	Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz AL-NASSER (Qatar)
<i>Second Committee:</i>	Mr. PARK In-kook (Republic of Korea)
<i>Third Committee:</i>	Mr. Normans PENKE (Latvia)
<i>Fifth Committee:</i>	Mr. Peter MAURER (Switzerland)
<i>Sixth Committee:</i>	Mr. Mourad BENMEHIDI (Algeria)

63/423. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session¹¹

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2009, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected by acclamation the following twenty-one Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session: BARBADOS, BELGIUM, CAMEROON, CHINA, EL SALVADOR, FINLAND, FRANCE, GHANA, GUINEA-BISSAU, INDIA, KAZAKHSTAN, MALDIVES, NEPAL, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SUDAN, TURKMENISTAN, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF), UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

63/424. Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 6 July 2009, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of Mr. SUPACHAI Panitchpakdi as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for a second four-year term of office beginning on 1 September 2009 and ending on 31 August 2013.¹²

63/425. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, the General Assembly, having considered letters from the Secretary-General dated 19 June,¹³ 26 June¹⁴ and 7 July 2009,¹⁵ as

¹² See A/63/891.

¹³ A/63/942.

¹⁴ A/63/941.

¹⁵ A/63/940.

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well as the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 8 July 2009, transmitting the text of Council resolution 1878 (2009) of 7 July 2009,¹⁶ decided that:

(a) The extension of the term of office of the permanent judges of the International Tribunal, who are members of the Appeals Chamber, would be reviewed by 31 December 2009, in the light of the progress made by the International Tribunal in the implementation of the Completion Strategy;

(b) The term of office of the following permanent judges of the International Tribunal, who are members of the Trial Chambers, would extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner:

Sir Charles Michael Dennis BYRON (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Mr. Joseph Asoka Nihal DE SILVA (Sri Lanka)

Ms. Khalida Rachid KHAN (Pakistan)

Ms. Arlette RAMAROSON (Madagascar)

Mr. William H. SEKULE (United Republic of Tanzania)

(c) The term of office of the permanent judge appointed to replace Mr. Sergei Alekseevich Egorov (Russian Federation) would extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which he or she will be assigned if sooner;

(d) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, currently serving on the International Tribunal, would extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner:

Mr. Aydin Sefa AKAY (Turkey)

Ms. Florence Rita ARREY (Cameroon)

Ms. Solomy Balungi BOSSA (Uganda)

Ms. Taghreed HIKMAT (Jordan)

Mr. Vagn JOENSEN (Denmark)

Mr. Gberdao Gustave KAM (Burkina Faso)

Mr. Joseph Edward Chiondo MASANCHE (United Republic of Tanzania)

Mr. Lee Gacuiga MUTHOGA (Kenya)

Mr. Seon Ki PARK (Republic of Korea)

Mr. Mparany Mamy Richard RAJOHNSON (Madagascar)

Mr. Emile Francis SHORT (Ghana)

(e) Ad litem judge Vagn Joensen may serve in the International Tribunal beyond the cumulative period of service provided for under the Statute of the International Tribunal;

(f) In the light of the exceptional circumstances, Judge Joseph Asoka de Silva and Judge Emile Francis Short may work part-time and engage in another judicial occupation or occupation of equivalent independent status in their home countries during the remainder of their terms of office until the completion of the cases to which they were assigned;

(g) On an exceptional basis, Judge Sergei Alekseevich Egorov, once replaced as a member of the International Tribunal, would complete the cases which he began before his resignation;

(h) Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Statute of the International Tribunal would be amended as set out in the annex to Security Council resolution 1878 (2009) so that the President may assign to the Appeals Chamber up to four additional permanent judges serving in the Trial Chambers, on the completion of the cases to which each judge is assigned.

¹⁶ A/63/956.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly also took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Bakhtiyar TUZMUKHAMEDOV (Russian Federation) as a permanent judge of the Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 18 August 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which he will be assigned if sooner.¹⁷

63/426. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, the General Assembly, having considered the letter from the Secretary-General dated 19 June 2009,¹³ as well as the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 8 July 2009, transmitting the text of Council resolution 1877 (2009) of 7 July 2009,¹⁸ decided that:

(a) The extension of the term of office of the permanent judges of the International Tribunal, who are members of the Appeals Chamber, would be reviewed by 31 December 2009, in the light of the progress made by the International Tribunal in the implementation of the Completion Strategy;

(b) The term of office of the following permanent judges of the International Tribunal would extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner:

Mr. Carmel A. AGIUS (Malta)
Mr. Jean-Claude ANTONETTI (France)
Mr. Christoph FLÜGGE (Germany)
Mr. O-gon KWON (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Bakone Melema MOLOTO (South Africa)
Mr. Alphonsus Martinus Maria ORIE (Netherlands)
Mr. Kevin Horace PARKER (Australia)
Mr. Patrick Lipton ROBINSON (Jamaica)

(c) The term of office of the permanent judges appointed to replace Mr. Iain BONOMY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Mohamed SHAHABUDEEN (Guyana) and Ms. Christine VAN DEN WYNGAERT (Belgium) would extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they will be assigned if sooner;

(d) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, currently serving at the International Tribunal, would extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner:

Mr. Melville BAIRD (Trinidad and Tobago)
Mr. Pedro DAVID (Argentina)
Ms. Elizabeth GWAUNZA (Zimbabwe)
Mr. Frederik HARHOFF (Denmark)
Mr. Uldis KINIS (Latvia)
Ms. Flavia LATTANZI (Italy)
Mr. Antoine MINDUA (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Ms. Michèle PICARD (France)
Mr. Árpád PRANDLER (Hungary)
Mr. Stefan TRECHSEL (Switzerland)

¹⁷ See A/63/947.

¹⁸ A/63/957.

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(e) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, who were not appointed to serve at the International Tribunal, shall extend until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they may be assigned if sooner:

Mr. Frans BAUDUIN (Netherlands)
Sir Burton HALL (Bahamas)
Mr. Raimo LAHTI (Finland)
Mr. Jawdat NABOTY (Syrian Arab Republic)
Ms. Chioma Egondu NWOSU-IHEME (Nigeria)
Ms. Prisca Matimba NYAMBE (Zambia)
Mr. Brynmor POLLARD (Guyana)
Ms. Vonimbolana RASOAZANANY (Madagascar)
Tan Sri Dato' Lamin bin Haji Mohd YUNUS (Malaysia)

(f) Ad litem judges Harhoff, Lattanzi, Mindua, Prandler and Trechsel may serve in the International Tribunal beyond the cumulative period of service provided for under the Statute of the International Tribunal;

(g) The Tribunal may exceed temporarily the statutory maximum number of twelve ad litem judges serving at the Tribunal and assign up to thirteen ad litem judges, returning to a maximum of twelve by 31 December 2009;

(h) Article 14, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Statute of the International Tribunal would be amended as set out in the annex to Security Council resolution 1877 (2009) so that the President may assign to the Appeals Chamber up to four additional permanent judges serving in the Trial Chambers, on the completion of the cases to which each judge is assigned.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly also took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Guy DELVOIE (Belgium), Sir Burton HALL (Bahamas) and Mr. Howard MORRISON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as permanent judges of the Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 1 September 2009, 7 August 2009 and 31 August 2009, respectively, until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases to which they will be assigned if sooner.¹⁹

¹⁹ See A/63/946.

B. Other decisions

1. Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

63/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

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At its 75th plenary meeting, on 20 February 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,²¹ decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session an additional item entitled “Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)” under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 22 April 2009, the General Assembly decided to consider directly in plenary meeting sub-item (d) of agenda item 49 entitled “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind”, under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to proceed expeditiously with the consideration of a draft resolution.²²

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 24 April 2009, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 65, entitled “Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions”, under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts) in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.²³ The Assembly further agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 26 May 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly,²⁴ decided to reconsider the dates for the holding of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, which had originally been scheduled for 1 to 3 June 2009 pursuant to its resolution 63/277 of 7 April 2009.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 105, entitled “Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions”, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) in order to consider expeditiously a recommendation of the Fifth Committee.²⁵ The Assembly further agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 29 June 2009, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 20, entitled “The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development”, under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security) upon the request of several Member States. The Assembly further agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

²⁰ Decision 63/503, in section B.1 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 63/503 A.

²¹ See A/63/250/Add.2.

²² A/63/L.69.

²³ A/63/L.67.

²⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 84th meeting (A/63/PV.84), and corrigendum.

²⁵ See A/63/529/Add.1.

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At its 100th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,²⁶ decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session an additional item entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”, under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 103rd plenary meeting, on 11 August 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,²⁷ having waived the relevant provisions of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session two additional items entitled “International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994” and “International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991”, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider them directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 29, entitled “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East”, under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting, in order to consider expeditiously a draft decision.²⁸

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Serbia,²⁹ decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 71, entitled “Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law”, under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

63/553. General debate of the sixty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 20 February 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly,³⁰ recalling its resolutions 51/241 of 31 July 1997, in particular paragraphs 19 and 20 (a) of the annex thereto, and 57/301 of 13 March 2003, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, decided that the general debate of the sixty-fourth session would be held from Wednesday, 23 September, to Saturday, 26 September, and from Monday, 28 September, to Wednesday, 30 September 2009, and that these arrangements would in no way create a precedent for future sessions.

63/555. Arrangements and organization of work of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development (New York, 1 to 3 June 2009)

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 May 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly,³¹ noting the provisions contained in the note by the Secretariat on the proposed organization of work of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development,³² decided to adopt the arrangements and organization of work of the Conference as set out in the note by the Secretariat and to recommend for adoption by

²⁶ See A/63/250/Add.3.

²⁷ A/63/238.

²⁸ A/63/L.78.

²⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 105th meeting (A/63/PV.105), and corrigendum.

³⁰ A/63/L.65.

³¹ A/63/L.71.

³² A/63/825.

the Conference the provisional rules of procedure, the provisional agenda and the proposed timetable for the work of the Conference, as set out in annexes I to III to the note by the Secretariat.

63/556. New dates of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 26 May 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly,²⁴ decided to postpone the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, which had originally been scheduled for 1 to 3 June 2009 pursuant to its resolution 63/277 of 7 April 2009, to 24 to 26 June 2009.

63/558. Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

At its 103rd plenary meeting, on 11 August 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Egypt and Norway,²⁸ recalling its resolution 63/91 of 5 December 2008, in particular paragraph 5 thereof, by which it decided to commemorate the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of its establishment at a high-level meeting to be convened on 1 October 2009, decided to reschedule the high-level meeting to 24 September 2009, mindful of the need to ensure the participation of Member States at the ministerial level.

63/559. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fifth report,³³ decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

63/560. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly,³⁴ guided by the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS³⁵ and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS,³⁶ and recalling its decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001, decided:

- (a) To take note of the following:
 - (i) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS,³⁷
 - (ii) The submission of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the progress made by the United Nations system organizations in achieving Millennium Development Goal 6, Target 7, to combat HIV/AIDS,³⁸ and the note by the Secretary-General containing

³³ See A/63/250/Add.4.

³⁴ A/63/L.73. See also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 104th meeting (A/63/PV.104), and corrigendum.

³⁵ Resolution S-26/2, annex.

³⁶ Resolution 60/262, annex.

³⁷ A/63/812.

³⁸ A/63/152.

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the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,³⁹

(b) To include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS”.

63/561. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to include the item entitled “International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994” in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

63/562. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to include the item entitled “International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991” in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

63/563. Prevention of armed conflict

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled “Prevention of armed conflict” and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

63/564. High-Level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Financing for Development

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Mexico,⁴⁰

(a) Decided to hold its fourth High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development on 23 and 24 November 2009 at United Nations Headquarters;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of that event.

63/565. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

A

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly, recalling its previous resolutions and decisions relevant to the question of equitable representation on and

³⁹ A/63/152/Add.1.

⁴⁰ A/63/L.102.

increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, in particular its decision 62/557 of 15 September 2008, having considered the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council, which was established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993, on its deliberations during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly,⁴¹ bearing in mind the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, adopted by Heads of State and Government,⁴² in which they resolved, in respect of reform of the Security Council, to intensify their efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects, and recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome of 16 September 2005,⁴³ in which Heads of State and Government expressed support for early reform of the Council and recommended that the Council continue to adapt its working methods:

(a) Took note of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council on its work during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly;⁴¹

(b) Noted with appreciation the Chairperson's initiative to stimulate an active discussion relating to the comprehensive reform of the Security Council by the Working Group, as well as the work done by the Vice-Chairperson;

(c) Decided to convene the Working Group during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly if Member States so decide;

(d) Decided to include in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council".

B

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session as mandated by General Assembly decision 62/557 of 15 September 2008, building on the progress achieved during its sixty-third session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, while noting with appreciation the initiative and efforts of the President of the General Assembly and the Chairperson of the Open Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council in the process of a comprehensive reform of the Security Council.

63/566. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme" and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/63/47)*.

⁴² See resolution 55/2.

⁴³ See resolution 60/1.

63/567. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor” and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

63/568. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the United Republic of Tanzania,⁴⁴ decided to include in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction” and recommended that it be considered by the Sixth Committee at that session.

63/569. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled “The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan” and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

63/570. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Serbia,⁴⁵ decided to include the item entitled “Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law” in the draft agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

63/571. Report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 14 September 2009, the General Assembly decided to defer until the sixty-fourth session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict,⁴⁶ under the items entitled “Report of the Peacebuilding Commission” and “Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund”.

2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

63/550. Questions deferred for future consideration

B⁴⁷

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:⁴⁸

⁴⁴ A/63/L.100.

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 105th meeting (A/63/PV.105), and corrigendum.

⁴⁶ A/63/881.

⁴⁷ Decision 63/550, in section B.6 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/63/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 63/550 A.

⁴⁸ A/63/649/Add.1, para. 9.

Section A

Decided to defer until the second part of its resumed sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda item and related document:

Item 117

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on vacant posts in the Office of Internal Oversight Services⁴⁹

Section B

Decided to defer until its sixty-fourth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 118

Programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a common payroll for United Nations system organizations⁵⁰

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a common payroll for United Nations system organizations⁵¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵²

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵³

Item 122

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Reports of the Committee on Contributions⁵⁴

Reports of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans⁵⁵

Section C

Decided to defer until the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

⁴⁹ A/63/737.

⁵⁰ A/60/582.

⁵¹ A/60/582/Add.1.

⁵² A/63/354.

⁵³ A/63/726.

⁵⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/62/11)*; and *ibid.*, *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/63/11)*.

⁵⁵ A/62/70 and A/63/68.

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Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the core diplomatic training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research⁵⁶

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financing of the core diplomatic training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research⁵⁷

C

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁵⁸ decided to defer until its sixty-fourth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 118

Programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

Report of the Secretary-General on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations⁵⁹

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to ensure the effective implementation of the arrangements in place for the sharing of costs for safety and security across the United Nations system⁶⁰

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁶¹

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on a comprehensive management audit of the Department of Safety and Security⁶²

Item 132

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and budget for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010⁶³

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the compensation of death and disability benefits to military contingents, formed police units, military observers and civilian police officers⁶⁴

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of cases for death and disability for formed police units, military contingents, civilian police officers and military observers processed and currently in process and comprehensive review of the administrative and payment arrangement for such cases⁶⁵

⁵⁶ A/63/592.

⁵⁷ A/63/744.

⁵⁸ A/63/649/Add.2, para. 5.

⁵⁹ A/63/605.

⁶⁰ A/62/641.

⁶¹ A/63/769.

⁶² A/63/379.

⁶³ A/63/696.

⁶⁴ A/63/550.

⁶⁵ A/62/805 and Corr.1.

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Report of the Secretary-General on the welfare and recreation needs of all categories of personnel and detailed implications⁶⁶

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of training in peacekeeping⁶⁷

Report of the Secretary-General on National Professional Officers⁶⁸

Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse⁶⁹

Note by the Secretary-General concerning a comprehensive report on training in peacekeeping⁷⁰

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁷¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and budget for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009⁷²

Report of the Secretary-General on peacekeeping best practices⁷³

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on conduct and discipline, including full justification of all posts⁷⁴

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁷⁵

Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007⁷⁶

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007⁷⁷

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: peacekeeping operations⁷⁸

Closed peacekeeping missions

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2008⁷⁹

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁸⁰

⁶⁶ A/63/675 and Corr.1.

⁶⁷ A/63/680.

⁶⁸ A/62/762.

⁶⁹ A/63/720.

⁷⁰ A/62/676.

⁷¹ A/63/746.

⁷² A/62/727.

⁷³ A/62/593 and Corr.1.

⁷⁴ A/62/758.

⁷⁵ A/62/781.

⁷⁶ A/62/281 (Part II).

⁷⁷ A/62/281 (Part II)/Add.1.

⁷⁸ A/63/302 (Part II).

⁷⁹ A/63/581.

⁸⁰ A/63/856.

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63/554. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁸¹ having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea⁸² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:⁸³

(a) Endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸³ and requested the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

(b) Approved the donation of assets of the Mission with an inventory value of 1,398,500 United States dollars and a corresponding residual value of 421,800 dollars to the Government of Ethiopia;

(c) Also approved the donation of assets of the Mission with an inventory value of 6,911,400 dollars and corresponding residual value of 1,967,900 dollars to the African Union in support of the African Union Mission in Somalia;

(d) Decided to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

63/557. Closed peacekeeping missions

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 30 June 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:⁸⁴

(a) Decided to return two thirds of the credits available in the account of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission to the Government of Kuwait in the amount of 996,800 United States dollars;

(b) Also decided to continue to consider the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions during its sixty-fourth session.

⁸¹ A/63/646/Add.1, para. 6.

⁸² A/63/728.

⁸³ A/63/761.

⁸⁴ A/63/894, para. 15.

Annex I

Allocation of agenda items^a

1. The following additional item was allocated to the Fifth Committee during the resumed sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).^b

157. Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009).

2. The following item was considered directly in plenary meeting during the resumed sixty-third session, under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law):^c

158. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

3. The following additional items were considered directly in plenary meeting during the resumed sixty-third session, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).^d

159. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

160. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

^a Organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization.

^b See A/63/252/Add.3.

^c See A/63/252/Add.4.

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