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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 145 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/60/541.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 57th, 58th and 66th meetings, on 9, 12 and 30 June 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.57, 58 and 66).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/60/646);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/728);
 - (c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/869).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.58

4. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June 2006, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti"



(A/C.5/60/L.58), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 27, the amount of 60,493,351 dollars was replaced by 63,799,300 dollars;

(b) In operative paragraph 30, the amount of 8,236,495 dollars was replaced by 8,223,900 dollars.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.58, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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 Haiti¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

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 1658 (2006) of 14 February 2006,

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 60/18 of 23 November 2005,

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

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources 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 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 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 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 66.8 million United States dollars, representing some 11 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;

¹ A/60/646 and A/60/728.

² A/60/869.

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

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions include clear information regarding mandated disarmament, demobilization and reintegration activities, including clear justification for post and non-post resource requirements and their projected impact on the effective delivery of the Mission's objectives in this field, as well as information on collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities present in the field and acting in this area;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the coordination and collaboration of efforts with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, to report on progress made and to provide a clear description of their respective roles and responsibilities in future budget submissions;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the use of consultants required for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration in order to ensure the successful implementation of the mandated programmes, and to report thereon in the performance report;

13. *Requests* the Secretary General to ensure that the utilization of these resources takes fully into account the functions performed by existing capacities;

14. *Looks forward* to the consideration of the comprehensive report requested in section VIII, paragraph 3, of resolution 60/266;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that quick-impact projects are implemented in compliance with the original intent of such projects and relevant General Assembly resolutions;

16. *Decides* to approve the resources requested for quick-impact projects in the proposed budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in the interim, bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1608 (2005) of 22 June 2005 and relevant presidential statements;³

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full implementation of the quick-impact projects for the financial period 2006/07;

18. *Notes* that full information on the need for the establishment of an off-site, in-theatre secondary disaster recovery and business continuity centre for the Mission has yet to be provided, and requests the Secretary-General to provide comprehensive and detailed information in this regard in the context of the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in future budget submissions, to ensure that resource requirements for national interpreters include full justification of the rationale for the number of interpreters, taking fully into account the principles of efficiency, ensuring effective implementation of the Mission mandate and the requirements of the various components of the Mission in the field;

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General in this regard to rejustify the need for five administrative staff in the light of the experience of the Mission in the context of the next budget submission for the Mission;

21. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on specific management improvements achieved, taking fully into account relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 and 60/266;

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

24. *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 2004 to 30 June 2005

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

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

26. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 510,394,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, inclusive of 489,207,100 dollars for the maintenance

³ S/PRST/2006/13 and S/PRST/2006/22.

⁴ A/60/646.

of the Mission, 17,500,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,687,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

27. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 63,799,300 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 August 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

28. *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 for the period from 1 July to 15 August 2006, as provided for in paragraph 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,455,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,174,800 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 246,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 34,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

29. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 446,595,400 dollars for the period from 16 August 2006 to 30 June 2007 at a monthly rate of 42,535,895 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, and for 2007,⁵ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

30. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States for the period from 16 August 2006 to 30 June 2007, as provided for in paragraph 29 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,190,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,223,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,722,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 244,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

31. *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 27 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 6,646,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

32. *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 6,646,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 31 above;

⁵ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

33. *Also decides* that the decrease of 909,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 6,646,600 dollars referred to in paragraphs 31 and 32 above;

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

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

36. *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;

37. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".
