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## **Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**

### **Report of the Fifth Committee**

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled “Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 51st to 56th, 58th, 59th and 66th meetings, on 22, 23, 24, 25 and 30 May and 1, 12, 14 and 30 June 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.51-56, 58, 59 and 66).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

#### **Overview of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations**

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and budget for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/696);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/880);



**Support account for peacekeeping operations**

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/727);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/898);

(f) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/807 and A/60/900);

**United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy**

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the cost-benefit analysis on the issue of the transfer of vehicles with high mileage to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to other missions and to upcoming United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/60/699);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement (A/60/700);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/711);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on the use of the United Nations Logistics Base to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients (A/60/715);

(k) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/787);

**Staffing of field missions, including the use of 300- and 100-series appointments**

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300- and 100-series appointments (A/60/698 and Corr.1 and 2);

(m) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/851 and Corr.1);

**Budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations**

(n) Note by the Secretary-General on the approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/C.5/60/27);

(o) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/C.5/60/30);

(p) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations and of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (A/C.5/60/31).

## **II. Consideration of proposals**

### **A. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.60**

4. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Cross-cutting issues" (A/C.5/60/L.60), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ireland.

5. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made oral corrections to the draft resolution.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.60, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution II).

### **B. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.59**

7. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June 2006, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy" (A/C.5/60/L.59), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

8. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made oral corrections to the draft resolution.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.59, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution I).

### **C. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.62**

10. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/60/L.62), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.62 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution III).

### III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### **Draft resolution I** **Cross-cutting issues**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 49/233 B of 31 March 1995, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 58/315 of 1 July 2004 and 59/296 of 22 June 2005,

*Having considered* the interim report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations,<sup>1</sup>

#### **I.**

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 59/296, and requests full implementation of its relevant provisions;

2. *Appreciates* the efforts of all peacekeeping personnel in the field and at Headquarters;

3. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations<sup>2</sup> and other relevant reports on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations at the main part of its sixty-first session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on progress in training in peacekeeping at its sixty-first session;

#### **II. Budget presentation**

1. *Recalls* the unique nature and mandate of each operation, and stresses that the resource requirements should respond to the mandates and circumstances of each operation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to undertake the review of staffing requirements, function and level of posts that would reflect evolving mandates, changing operational requirements, actual responsibilities and functions performed, with a view to ensuring the most cost-effective use of resources;

3. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 49/233 A, and requests the Secretary-General to include in all performance reports in respect of peacekeeping operations, the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the support account, details of monthly expenditure patterns, as well as to provide, in the context of the consideration of the budget submission, to the extent possible,

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<sup>1</sup> A/60/880.

<sup>2</sup> A/60/696.

supplementary information on the most up-to-date financial data available on actual expenditures for the current period;

4. *Regrets* the late issuance and receipt of budgets of some peacekeeping operations, which has placed some considerable strain on the ability of the General Assembly to engage in a detailed consideration of the requirements, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to improve the timely submission of peacekeeping budgets;

5. *Notes* the practice of allowing peacekeeping staff to take up temporary duty positions in other peacekeeping missions, and requests the Secretary-General to review this practice, including for staff currently seconded on temporary duty, to consider ways to limit the length of temporary duty secondments as well as to elaborate on the exceptions and ensure that such secondments do not impact adversely on the operational activities of the parent mission, in particular when the parent mission has existing vacancies;

### **III. Use of consultants**

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full utilization of synergies present in the United Nations system and to develop an effective evaluation mechanism for the use of outside expertise;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the commissioning of external consultants in the Organization by senior management and programme managers be conducted according to established administrative procedures and financial rules and regulations, with full respect for the mandates of internal and external oversight bodies and the oversight role of the General Assembly, and to report thereon;

### **IV. High vacancy rates**

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his ongoing efforts, including through innovative approaches, to ensure the expeditious filling of all vacant posts;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure greater use of national staff in peacekeeping operations;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, cognizant of the continuously high international staff vacancy rates in many missions, to consider, when formulating budget submissions, greater utilization of national staff, as appropriate, commensurate with the requirements of the mission and its mandate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen coordination between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the United Nations Volunteers Programme for the use of volunteers in peacekeeping operations and to evaluate the contribution of United Nations Volunteers as a component of peacekeeping operations;

**V. Accountability, fraud, corruption, mismanagement, misconduct and conflict of interest**

1. *Notes with concern* the observations by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>1</sup> the Board of Auditors<sup>3</sup> and the Office of Internal Oversight Services,<sup>4</sup> in their respective reports, concerning instances of non-compliance with established guidelines, rules, regulations and procedures;

2. *Regrets* any incidence of fraud, corruption, mismanagement and misconduct;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within his purview, to address all cases of fraud, corruption, mismanagement and misconduct and to ensure that United Nations staff are held accountable for any proven wrongdoings;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with ensuring that all current and future investigations by the Office of Internal Oversight Services be conducted impartially, thoroughly, expeditiously, taking into account current capacity, and with full respect for due process, and that they not be subject to any unnecessary delays;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to recover financial and other losses and to take appropriate measures to prevent fraud, corruption, mismanagement and misconduct;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the application and enforcement of accountability in the United Nations system be carried out impartially at all levels and without exception;

7. *Notes with concern* the increase in the level of fraud and presumptive fraud in respect of fuel abuse within some peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that lessons learned from addressing these cases are shared systematically with all missions;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of paragraphs 1 to 7 above at its sixty-first session;

9. *Reiterates* paragraph 28 of its resolution 52/226 A of 31 March 1998 and paragraph 30 of its resolution 54/14 of 29 October 1999, related to the issue of conflict of interest, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their expeditious implementation and to present the proposals requested in the aforementioned paragraphs to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-first session;

**VI. Integrated missions**

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to refine the concept and functioning of integrated missions, strengthening the mission planning process, and to clearly detail lines of responsibility and accountability within integrated missions as well as the interaction between such missions and the different partners;

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<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 5 and corrigendum (A/60/5 and Corr.1), vol. II.*

<sup>4</sup> A/60/717.

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the utilization of mission assets by United Nations agencies is fully justified and reimbursed and that such utilization is duly recorded and reported properly;

## **VII. Procurement opportunities**

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking fully into account the observations by the Board of Auditors, in paragraphs 71 to 74 of its report,<sup>3</sup> to increase efforts to improve procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report on the implementation thereof at its sixty-first session;

2. *Recalls* section XVI, paragraph 4, of its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that information on procurement opportunities in peacekeeping operations be made available to business communities, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, through, inter alia, continued cooperation between the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Procurement Service, utilizing the United Nations Information Centres and offices, as appropriate;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the United Nations Procurement Manual available to Member States through the website of the United Nations Procurement Service no later than August 2006;

## **VIII. Quick-impact projects**

1. *Welcomes* the inclusion of quick-impact projects in the budgets of peacekeeping operations, and recognizes the important contribution that they make towards the successful implementation of the mandates of peacekeeping operations;

2. *Stresses* that quick-impact projects are an integral part of mission planning and development, as well as of the implementation of comprehensive strategies to meet the challenges facing complex peacekeeping operations;

3. *Emphasizes* the need for a comprehensive policy, including on resource allocations, for quick-impact projects, and, bearing in mind the unique nature and mandate of each operation, requests the Secretary-General to report thereon at its sixty-first session, addressing, inter alia: the definition of quick-impact projects and the selection processes; the duration of such projects; how, and if, quick-impact projects complement the activities of other United Nations bodies on the ground; the role of the Mission, other United Nations bodies and implementing partners in managing and implementing quick-impact projects in the short and longer term; and how administrative costs can be minimized;

## **IX. Regional cooperation**

1. *Welcomes* the efforts to increase collaboration between missions, in particular those in the same region, and emphasizes the importance of further enhancing collaboration, to the extent possible, with a view to achieving greater synergy in the effective and efficient use of the resources of the United Nations and the implementation of missions' mandates, bearing in mind that individual missions bear a responsibility for the preparation and for overseeing their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop and implement regional coordination plans aligned to the missions' objectives, while mindful of the specific mandates of each mission, and to report on the progress achieved in the context of his next overview report;

#### **X. Fuel management**

*Requests* the Secretary-General to review all aspects of fuel management, including the preparation of a comprehensive fuel management manual, implementation of the electronic fuel accounting system, development of standard operating procedures on fuel management and preparation of an annual fuel procurement plan, and to report on the status of implementation;

#### **XI. Costing structure for air operations**

1. *Welcomes* the efforts to enhance the optimal use of air assets, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that operations share best practices in order to increase utilization of air assets;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake an analysis of the impact of the new costing structure relating to air operations, bearing in mind the relevant observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>1</sup> and the Board of Auditors,<sup>3</sup> to determine whether the application of the new costing structure for air operations contracts has resulted in savings or brought about other benefits and to report thereon in the context of his overview report at the sixty-second session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, mindful of the importance of air services to the effective operational activities of peacekeeping operations, to review, in all peacekeeping operations, the ongoing necessity and current frequency of flights, to ensure the optimal use of air assets, to reconfigure them to respond to the changing circumstances, to increase the utilization of air assets, inter alia, by continuing to review flight schedules to accommodate more passengers and cargo and to report thereon at its sixty-first session;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore ways to increase regional management of air assets and further strengthen the coordination between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and relevant United Nations departments and entities, with a view to sharing air assets, when feasible;

#### **XII. Spare parts**

1. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to limit the acquisition of new spare parts in the light of the current high level of holdings, requests the Secretary-General to report at its sixty-first session on optimal levels for spare parts in all missions, and also requests that the budget proposals for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 not exceed those levels;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the possible establishment of a mechanism for global management of spare parts at United Nations Headquarters, including the ongoing identification of spare parts requirements, the capacity to redeploy them from other missions and any efficiencies to be achieved from such a mechanism;



### **XIII. Better use of technology**

*Requests* the Secretary-General to make greater use of videoconferencing facilities and e-learning programmes for training and other purposes and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on improvements and efficiencies made through greater utilization of those tools;

### **XIV. Staffing of field missions, including the use of 300-series and 100-series appointments**

1. *Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300-series and 100-series appointments<sup>5</sup> and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>6</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300-series and 100-series appointments;<sup>5</sup>

3. *Recalls* section VIII of its resolution 59/296;

4. *Decides* to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration until 31 December 2006;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph 4 above, to reappoint, under the 100 series of the Staff Rules, those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts has reached the four-year limit by 31 December 2006, provided that their functions have been reviewed and found necessary and their performance has been confirmed as fully satisfactory, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon at its sixty-first session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300-series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new staff;

### **XV. Disaster recovery**

*Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the proposed establishment of and justification for mission onsite, mission in theatre and off site, and off site and out-of-theatre redundant data centers for disaster recovery and business continuity in peacekeeping missions, as well as on a secondary active communications facility and a disaster recovery and business continuity centre for information technology, at its resumed sixty-first session;

### **XVI. Strategic deployment stocks**

*Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, at its sixty-first session, a comprehensive report on the implementation of strategic deployment stocks and the use of logistics base and installations, as well as all mechanisms for rapid deployment, including on the evolving concepts used in this regard, taking fully into account the surge in peacekeeping operations, the location, operational and strategic requirements of peacekeeping operations and the need to ensure the utmost efficiencies in the use of resources.

<sup>5</sup> A/60/698 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>6</sup> A/60/851 and Corr.1.

## **Draft resolution II**

### **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,

*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 and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 59/299 of 22 June 2005,

*Recalling further* its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions 57/315 of 18 June 2003, 58/297 of 18 June 2004 and 59/299 on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base and the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement,<sup>1</sup> the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the United Nations Logistics Base to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients,<sup>2</sup> the report of the Secretary-General on the cost-benefit analysis on the issue of the transfer of vehicles with high mileage to the United Nations Logistics Base, to other missions and to upcoming United Nations peacekeeping operations,<sup>3</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>4</sup>

*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. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the United Nations Logistics Base to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients,<sup>2</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on the cost-benefit analysis on the issue of the transfer of vehicles with high mileage to the United Nations Logistics Base, to other missions and to upcoming United Nations peacekeeping operations;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Also takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General for the establishment at the United Nations Logistics Base during the fiscal year 2007/08 of a strategic air operations centre, an aviation quality assurance programme, a central design unit and a geographical information system centre;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>4</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 3 of its resolution 59/299, in which it took note of the proposal to expand the United Nations Logistics Base, and requests the Secretary-

<sup>1</sup> A/60/700 and A/60/711.

<sup>2</sup> A/60/715.

<sup>3</sup> A/60/699.

<sup>4</sup> A/60/787.

General that detailed information on the concept of operations, financial and legal implications and expected benefits that may arise from the expansion be submitted with the budget for 2007/08 to the General Assembly for its decision;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, in the context of the reporting on the Training Delivery Cell, detailed information on the efficiency and effectiveness of all Department of Peacekeeping Operations training programmes to be implemented at the United Nations Logistics Base, drawing a comparison with training programmes provided at other facilities and United Nations offices;

7. *Welcomes* the establishment of a pilot project for the regional aviation safety office at the United Nations Logistics Base, and requests the Secretary-General to provide, to the extent possible, a preliminary assessment on the pilot project in the next presentation of the budget, and notes that if the concept is applicable it will consider proposals to establish regional aviation safety offices for other peacekeeping missions;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure the active participation of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat in the negotiations with the Government of Italy concerning the possible extensions of the facilities at Brindisi;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in future budget submissions, to report on any proposals to extend the facilities in Brindisi;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to analyse how the Logistics Base could be best utilized to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients, and to ensure that any related proposals contain full justification and detailed cost-benefit analyses;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006;

12. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

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

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base and the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;<sup>5</sup>

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

14. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi amounting to 35,478,700 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

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<sup>5</sup> A/60/700.

**Financing of the budget estimates**

15. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,399,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(b) The balance of 34,079,500 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(c) The net estimated staff assessment income of 2,579,300 dollars, comprising the amount of 2,535,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the increase of 44,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

16. *Also decides* to consider at its sixty-first session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

## **Draft resolution III**

### **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, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004 and 59/287 of 13 April 2005, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations,<sup>1</sup> the note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007<sup>2</sup> and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>3</sup>

*Recognizing* the importance for the United Nations to be 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,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations<sup>1</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;<sup>2</sup>

2. *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;

3. *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;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006 as well as other relevant resolutions;

<sup>1</sup> A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/60/727.

<sup>2</sup> A/60/898.

<sup>3</sup> A/60/807 and A/60/900.

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>3</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to establish the following posts:

(a) Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti team in the Office of Operations of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

(b) Policy Coordinator (P-4) in the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(c) Secretariat Services Officer (P-3) in the Fifth Committee secretariat;

(d) Information/communications expert (P-3) in support of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in Addis Ababa;

(e) Administration/finance analyst (P-3) in support of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in Addis Ababa;

7. *Also decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Chief of the Integrated Training Service (D-1) in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate the functioning of this post and to report thereon within the context of the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

8. *Further decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Chief of the Transport and Movement Service (D-1) of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to be funded from the abolishment of one existing P-4 post, with the balance of the requirements to be funded from within the approved level of the support account for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

9. *Decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Environmental Engineer (P-3) in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify the requirement for this post in the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

10. *Decides* not to approve the post of Security Coordinator Officer (P-4) in the Department of Safety and Security and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify the requirement for this post in the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

11. *Decides* to approve an amount of 23,265,700 United States dollars in general temporary assistance and an amount of 4,417,900 United States dollars in non-post resources in the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in respect of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Procurement Service, the Headquarters Committee on Contracts in the Department of Management of the Secretariat, procurement-related functions in the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat and in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and conduct and discipline capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

12. *Decides* not to approve an amount of \$154,200 under consultancy;

13. *Notes* the request of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>4</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the evolution of the support account, on the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee<sup>5</sup> and in close consultation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services bearing in mind section IV, paragraph 5, of General Assembly resolution 59/296, and to share the analysis with the Board of Auditors, and to report thereon to the Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session within the context of his next budget proposal for the support account;

14. *Reaffirms* section VIII of General Assembly resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999, section IX of resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, section V of resolution 57/305 of 15 April 2003 and section XI of resolution 59/266 of 23 December 2004;

15. *Notes with concern* that the financial provision for consultants has steadily increased in recent years despite the parallel provision of additional posts for the support account, while bearing in mind that the provisions were needed, inter alia, to enhance the quality of work, management efficiencies and skills of staff;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when proposing resources for consultancies in subsequent support account budgets, to include a trend-analysis comparing the requested level of resources with the approved resource levels in the previous five financial years and to provide supplementary information with full justification for all consultancies including, inter alia, information on why the expertise is not available within the organization;

17. *Also requests* 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;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, within the appropriate context, on the efforts made in support of African Union capacity-building, taking into account the functions and contributions to be provided by the United Nations, its funds, programmes and agencies and all external partners, including on the efforts made to avoid duplication and overlaps;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate, at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, on the relationship between the Senior Review Group<sup>6</sup> and the proposed senior leadership review group in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations within the context of human resources management;

20. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

21. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in

<sup>4</sup> See A/60/807.

<sup>5</sup> See A/59/784.

<sup>6</sup> See Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2005/4 for the terms of reference of the Group.

strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

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

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;<sup>7</sup>

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

23. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 183,187,000 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, including seven hundred thirty-four continuing and fifty-six new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

**Financing of the budget estimates**

24. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance of 3,584,800 dollars and other income of 2,121,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(b) The amount of 15,804,000 dollars in excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(c) The balance of 161,676,300 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(d) The net estimated staff assessment income of 18,186,100 dollars, comprising the amount of 18,804,200 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the decrease of 618,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (c) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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<sup>7</sup> A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1.