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### Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

#### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 30th and 35th meetings, on 10 May and 27 June 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/67/SR.30 and 35).

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

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/67/609);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (A/67/755);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/780/Add.12).

#### II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.42

4. At its 35th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” (A/C.5/67/L.42), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6).



### III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

#### **Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia<sup>1</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup>

*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 established the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2066 (2012) of 17 September 2012, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 September 2013,

*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 66/275 of 21 June 2012,

*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, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 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 2013, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 61 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed

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<sup>1</sup> A/67/609 and A/67/755.

<sup>2</sup> A/67/780/Add.12.

contributions, notes with concern that only 55 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 that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the 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. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

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

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

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

9. *Recognizes* the importance of capacity-building for national staff, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

10. *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;

11. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance inter-mission cooperation, and in this regard calls for the continued cooperation between the Mission and the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire;

12. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take all steps necessary to provide the support required for the Liberia National Police to ensure that the capacity-building process is concluded in a proper and timely manner;

13. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to implement the "Delivering as one" initiative in accordance with the relevant mandates adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the executive boards of United Nations funds and programmes and the governing bodies of the specialized agencies;

14. *Decides* not to abolish one post at the D-1 level in the Civil Affairs Section;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/264;

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

**Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012**

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;<sup>3</sup>

**Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 503,181,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, inclusive of 476,277,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 22,549,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,354,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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19. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 125,795,325 dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in General Assembly resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

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 2,879,675 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,375,100 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 406,950 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 97,625 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 377,385,975 dollars for the period from 1 October 2013 to 30 June 2014, at a monthly rate of 41,931,775 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 67/239, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013 and 2014, as set out in Assembly resolution 67/238, 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 8,639,025 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 7,125,300 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,220,850 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 292,875 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 the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share of the unencumbered

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<sup>3</sup> A/67/609.

balance and other income in the total amount of 11,462,430 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

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 11,462,430 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 23 above;

25. *Also decides* that the decrease of 805,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 11,462,430 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-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia".