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## **Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

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

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 39th meetings, on 9 May and 29 June 2017. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>

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 Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 ([A/71/674](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/71/832](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/71/836/Add.11](#)).

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<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/71/SR.33](#) and [A/C.5/71/SR.39](#).



## II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/71/L.42](#)

4. At its 39th meeting, on 29 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” ([A/C.5/71/L.42](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/71/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 Organization Stabilization 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 Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo<sup>1</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* Security Council resolution [1925 \(2010\)](#) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided that, as from 1 July 2010, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo would bear the title “United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, and recalling also the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution [2348 \(2017\)](#) of 31 March 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 March 2018,

*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 [70/274](#) of 17 June 2016,

*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 its 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 its 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, [66/264](#) of 21 June 2012, [69/307](#) of 25 June 2015 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 404,289,989 United States dollars, representing some 2.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 7 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;

<sup>1</sup> [A/71/674](#) and [A/71/832](#).

<sup>2</sup> [A/71/836/Add.11](#).

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. *Notes* the planned presidential election and requests the Secretary-General to provide technical assistance and logistical support for the electoral process pursuant to the mandate of the Mission and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

10. *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](#), [66/264](#), [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

11. *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 2015 to 30 June 2016**

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;<sup>3</sup>

#### **Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018**

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,220,705,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 1,141,848,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 57,746,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 14,439,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 6,671,700 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

#### **Financing of the appropriation**

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 915,528,975 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the

<sup>3</sup> [A/71/674](#).

scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

15. *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 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 26,711,175 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 21,637,875 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,778,050 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 831,675 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 463,575 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 305,176,325 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 101,725,442 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

17. *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 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,903,725 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 7,212,625 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,259,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 277,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 154,525 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Also 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 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 41,006,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#);

19. *Further 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 revenue in the amount of 41,006,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 1,285,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income, in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, shall be added to the credits in the amount of 41,006,800 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

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

22. *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;

23. *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;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”.

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