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### **Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)**

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

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## **I. Introduction**

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. During the second part of the resumed seventy-fourth session, the Fifth Committee met online owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it considered the item.
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 Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/74/599);
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (A/74/722);
  - (c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/74/737/Add.8).

## **II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/74/L.51**

4. On 24 June 2020, the Chair of the Committee submitted for consideration under silence procedure, in accordance with General Assembly decisions 74/544 and 74/555, a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security



Council resolution [1863 \(2009\)](#)” ([A/C.5/74/L.51](#)), submitted on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Cuba.

5. On 27 June, the Committee considered draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.51](#) adopted, in accordance with the process set out in decisions 74/544 and 74/555 (see para. 6). It also noted that it would take note of the resolution at its next meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allowed.

### III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

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*The General Assembly,*

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

*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,

*Recalling also* the subsequent resolutions of the Security Council by which the logistical support package for the Mission was extended, the latest of which was resolution 2520 (2020) of 29 May 2020, by which the Council extended the logistical support package until 28 February 2021,

*Recalling further* its resolution 63/275 A of 7 April 2009 on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 73/325 of 3 July 2019, as well as its decision 73/555 of 3 July 2019,

*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 United Nations trust fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Office in Somalia as at 30 April 2020, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 234.2 million United States dollars, representing some 4.6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 110 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. *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;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish clear frameworks and guidelines to determine the solicitation procedures, whether invitation to bid or

<sup>1</sup> A/74/599 and A/74/722.

<sup>2</sup> A/74/737/Add.8.

request for proposal, to be utilized for, inter alia, acquiring different types of goods and services, including aviation services, and to update the United Nations Procurement Manual accordingly;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take measures to ensure that the Organization conforms to best practices in public procurement with respect to transparency, including by placing additional information in the public domain on the outcome of procurement exercises conducted, including in the area of aviation services, so as to further increase the transparency of the procurement operations of the Organization, and to update the United Nations Procurement Manual accordingly;

5. *Notes* the ongoing development of impact-based performance indicators as part of the implementation of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment System, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General in his next report to provide information on how the indicators will measure the performance by the mission of mandated tasks, the impact of resource allocation on that performance, as well as how the indicators will contribute to the identification of the required resources for each mandated task;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide in his next report an execution plan for, and analysis of, the implementation of the new Comprehensive Performance Assessment System, including its correlation with mission planning and budget formulation, in order to facilitate consideration by the General Assembly of resource requests for implementation of the System;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of the accountability system of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen risk management and internal controls in the management of peacekeeping budgets, in order to facilitate mandate implementation and increase transparency, and to report thereon in his next report;

8. *Also emphasizes* the importance of overall budgetary performance in peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the recommendations of the relevant oversight bodies, while giving due regard to the guidance and recommendations of the General Assembly, and to report thereon in the context of the performance reports;

9. *Notes with grave concern* the threat to life, health, safety and security caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the importance of ensuring the safety, security and health of peacekeeping personnel, maintaining the continuity of critical mandate delivery including protection of civilians, minimizing the risk of mission activities causing the virus to spread and, where appropriate and within mandates, supporting national authorities, upon their request, in their response to COVID-19 in collaboration with the Resident Coordinator and other United Nations entities in the country, and requests the Secretary-General to indicate in his next performance report how the Mission has responded;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next performance report information on how the mission has responded and on lessons learned from past and present epidemics and pandemics, and to propose options for improving future preparedness for epidemics and pandemics including for business continuity;

11. *Notes* the progress made in the implementation of the multi-year environmental strategy to reduce the footprint of peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to enhance measures for the implementation of the strategy in all peacekeeping missions, in line with the five pillars of the strategy, in accordance with particular conditions on the ground and in full compliance with the relevant rules and regulations and to report thereon in the context of his next overview report;

12. *Expresses* concern over the allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse reported in peacekeeping missions, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse with regards to all civilian, military and police personnel, and to report thereon in the context of his next report on cross-cutting issues;

13. *Recognizes* the increasing security challenges faced by United Nations peacekeepers, reaffirms its commitment to the improvement of the safety and security of Mission personnel, in particular uniformed personnel, and requests the Secretary-General to further strengthen the measures in this regard and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the next budget submission for the Mission;

14. *Reaffirms* the provisions of section XVIII of its resolution [61/276](#), further recognizes the important role played by quick-impact projects in supporting the implementation of mission mandates, stresses the need for the timely, responsible and accountable implementation of all such planned projects, and requests the Secretary-General to enhance their while addressing underlying challenges;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider options for greater nationalization of functions when formulating budget submissions, commensurate with mission mandates and requirements;

16. *Reiterates* its concern about the high number of vacancies in civilian staffing, and further reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that vacant posts are filled expeditiously;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that vacant posts are filled expeditiously, and decides not to abolish the posts that have been vacant for 24 months or longer during the current budget period;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the posts that have been vacant for 24 months or longer and to propose in his next budget submission either their retention, with clear justification of need, or their abolishment;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a comparative assessment of the services provided by respective entities for mine action activities and to provide the results in the context of his next report;

20. *Recognizes* the important role played by regional and subregional actors for peacekeeping operations, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to deepen the partnership, cooperation and coordination of the United Nations with regional and subregional actors, in accordance with relevant mandates, and to provide information on such deepened engagement in the context of his next report;

21. *Notes* that elections are a key milestone in peace processes, stresses the crucial importance of providing adequate and timely support for electoral processes in host countries of peacekeeping missions, in accordance with the mandate, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to include an update on United Nations support for electoral activities in the context of his next overview report;

22. *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, [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;

### **Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

23. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Support Office for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;<sup>3</sup>

### **Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

24. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia the amount of 590,957,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, inclusive of 550,608,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Support Office, 31,473,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 5,305,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 3,570,500 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

### **Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

25. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 393,971,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2020 to 28 February 2021, at a monthly rate of 49,246,475 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#) of 22 December 2018, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2020 and 2021, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018;

26. *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 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 7,172,467 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,892,600 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 1,686,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 344,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 249,067 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

27. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 196,985,900 dollars for the period from 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2021, at a monthly rate of 49,246,475 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2020 and 2021, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Office;

28. *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 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,586,233 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,446,300 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 843,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 172,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 124,533 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

29. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 30,709,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2019, in accordance with the levels updated in its

<sup>3</sup> [A/74/599](#).

resolution [73/272](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2019, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#);

30. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 30,709,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2019, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 29 above;

31. *Also decides* that the increase of 768,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2019 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 30,709,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 29 and 30 above;

32. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations trust fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

33. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution [1863 \(2009\)](#)”.

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