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Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled “Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. During the main part of the seventy-fifth session, the Fifth Committee met formally and remotely owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it considered the item. The Committee formally considered the item in person at its 8th meeting, on 30 December 2020. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s formal consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

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

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 ([A/75/597](#));

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/75/633](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/75/L.17](#)

4. At its 8th meeting, on 30 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation

¹ [A/C.5/75/SR.8](#).



in Darfur” ([A/C.5/75/L.17](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Japan.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/75/L.17](#) 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 African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1769 \(2007\)](#) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of 12 months from 31 July 2007, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution [2559 \(2020\)](#) of 22 December 2020, by which the Council decided to terminate the mandate of the Operation as of 31 December 2020,

Recalling also its resolution [62/232 A](#) of 22 December 2007 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [74/261 C](#) of 30 June 2020, as well as its decision [74/571](#) of 3 September 2020,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts during its drawdown phase between the African Union, the United Nations and the host country,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw on lessons learned and best practices for future drawdowns and closures;
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 African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur 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. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to take measures to address expeditiously the

¹ [A/75/597](#).

² [A/75/633](#).

remaining death and disability claims and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of his next report;

6. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his efforts to prepare national staff for the transitional period by conducting training and hosting job fairs, encourages the Secretary-General to continue capacity-building activities in order to assist national staff in their transition to future professional careers outside the Operation, and requests the Secretary-General to report, in the context of his next report, on progress made in this regard;

7. *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 the Operation, 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;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Operation is responsible and accountable for the use of its programmatic funds, in line with relevant guidance and bearing in mind the specific context in which the Operation operates, and to include, in his next performance report, detailed information on the programmatic activities of the Operation, including on how those activities have contributed to the implementation of mission mandates, on the linkage to the mandates, on the implementing entities and on the performance by the Operation of appropriate oversight;

Estimates for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Operation in an amount not exceeding 198,779,900 United States dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021, taking into account the amount of 240,182,900 dollars previously authorized by the General Assembly for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 under the terms of its resolution [74/261 C](#);

Financing of the commitment authority

10. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 240,182,900 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution [74/261 C](#) for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020, to apportion among Member States the amount of 198,779,900 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#) of 22 December 2018, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2021, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018;

11. *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 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,299,600 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021;

12. *Further decides* to keep under review, during its seventy-fifth session, the item entitled “Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur”.