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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution [76/289](#) on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, the General Assembly decided to appropriate to the Special Account for the Force the amount of \$69,197,400 for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, inclusive of \$64,544,500 for the maintenance of the Force, \$3,943,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$709,900 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy. Under the terms of the resolution, an amount of \$69,197,400 has been assessed on Member States, including \$64,544,500 for the maintenance of the Force.

2. Since the finalization of the budget for the Force ([A/76/679](#)) for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, and the adoption of resolution [76/289](#) on the financing of the Force, substantial changes have occurred in the cost parameters and assumptions underpinning the budget for the Force for the 2022/23 period. These changes have had a significant impact on the ability of the Force to implement its mandate, resulting in the need for additional resources for the 2022/23 period.

3. The following substantial changes (the financial impact of which was not included in the approved budget for the Force for the 2022/23 period) have resulted in additional requirements in the amount of \$2.4 million, as follows:

(a) **Higher reimbursement rates for standard troop costs and for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) testing allowance for troops (pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/276](#)), and increases in the recreational leave allowance (pursuant to Assembly resolution [76/274](#)).** The impact of these two resolutions, adopted after the approval of the budget in resolution [76/289](#), entails an additional requirement of \$0.3 million;

(b) **Inflation and other factors resulting in considerably higher market prices, including for fuel.** During the first half of the current reporting period, the average fuel price was \$1.423 per litre, compared with the budgeted price of



\$0.764 per litre for the entire fiscal period, entailing additional requirements of \$0.8 million for operational costs, under the categories of facilities and infrastructure, and ground transportation. Contractual rates for rations and long-term chartered flights, and the new 2023 rates for mission subsistence allowance, also increased beyond the planning parameters included in the approved budget, resulting in additional costs of \$1.3 million.

4. During the 2022/23 period, the Force has sought to reprioritize, curtail and defer its activities to the extent possible, with the aim of absorbing these additional requirements within its approved resources. In this regard, it is expected that the Force will be able to absorb \$0.3 million of the total \$2.4 million additional resources required. This is due to a lower actual average deployment of military personnel and mitigating measures to reduce vehicle fuel consumption, such as limiting non-essential ground movements by civilians, to further limit the negative impact of increased fuel prices. However, implementing any curtailment beyond fuel restrictions or rations reductions would put the safety and security of United Nations personnel at risk.

5. On the basis of its operational requirements and expenditure projections, and in view of the Force's limited capacity to absorb the above-mentioned additional requirements within its existing approved resources – without risks to the safety and security of United Nations personnel and property, or a significant cut to its mandated activities – the Force requires additional resources in the amount of \$2.1 million.

6. The additional resource requirements of \$2.1 million is required to honour cash payments related to the Force's contractual obligations regarding the provision of rations, travel on emplacement, rotation and repatriation services, fuel for generators and vehicles, as well as for the reimbursement of mission subsistence allowance in respect of the military component of the Force (see table).

Additional resource requirements for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Apportionment</i>	<i>Additional requirements</i>	<i>Total requirements</i>
	<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)=(1)+(2)</i>
Military and police personnel			
Military observers	—	—	—
Military contingents	38 845.3	1 273.3	40 118.6
United Nations police	—	—	—
Formed police units	—	—	—
Subtotal	38 845.3	1 273.3	40 118.6
Civilian personnel			
International staff	11 453.1	—	11 453.1
National Professional Officer	49.0	—	49.0
National General Service staff	3 493.5	—	3 493.5
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—
General temporary assistance	529.0	—	529.0
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—
Subtotal	15 524.6	—	15 524.6
Operational costs			
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—
Consultants	13.8	—	13.8
Official travel	188.0	—	188.0
Facilities and infrastructure	4 825.0	611.8	5 436.8
Ground transportation	1 475.6	182.6	1 658.2
Air operations	—	—	—
Marine operations	50.1	—	50.1
Communications and information technology	1 714.2	—	1 714.2
Medical	308.3	—	308.3
Special equipment	—	—	—
Other supplies, services and equipment	1 299.6	—	1 299.6
Quick-impact projects	300.0	—	300.0
Subtotal	10 174.6	794.4	10 969.0
Gross requirements	64 544.5	2 067.7	66 612.2
Staff assessment income	1 526.2	—	1 526.2
Net requirements	63 018.3	2 067.7	65 086.0
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—
Total requirements	64 544.5	2 067.7	66 612.2

7. Under the exceptional circumstances addressed in the present note, the requested additional appropriation and assessment for the Force for the 2022/23

financial period is critical to allowing the Force to continue its operations without detriment to the implementation of its mandate.

Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

8. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Force are:

(a) To appropriate the amount of \$2,067,700 for the maintenance of the Force for the 12-month period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, in addition to the amount of \$64,544,500 already appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Force under the terms of General Assembly resolution [76/289](#);

(b) To assess the total amount in paragraph (a) above, in addition to the amount of \$64,544,500 already assessed for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
