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### **Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force**

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

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## **I. Introduction**

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 163 (a) is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document [A/77/891](#).

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 35th meeting, on 30 June 2023. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record.<sup>1</sup>

3. For its further 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 Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 ([A/77/594](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 ([A/77/725](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/77/767/Add.2](#)).

## **II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/77/L.54](#)**

4. At its 35th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force"

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<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/77/SR.35](#).



([A/C.5/77/L.54](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Singapore.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/77/L.54](#) 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 Disengagement Observer Force**

*The General Assembly,*

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

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2689 (2023) of 29 June 2023, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 December 2023,

*Recalling also* its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 77/291 of 31 May 2023,

*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,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 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, 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and 76/274 of 29 June 2022, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 2023, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 27.9 million United States dollars, representing some 1.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 102 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 Force 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;

<sup>1</sup> A/77/594 and A/77/725.

<sup>2</sup> A/77/767/Add.2.

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, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *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](#), [70/286](#) and [76/274](#);

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

#### **Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022**

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022;<sup>3</sup>

#### **Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the special account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 75,579,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, inclusive of 69,314,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 5,347,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 917,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

#### **Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

13. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 37,789,800 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2023, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [76/239](#) of 24 December 2021, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2023, as set out in its resolution [76/238](#) of 24 December 2021;

14. *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 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,115,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 860,900 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 209,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 45,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 37,789,800 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2024, at a monthly rate of 6,298,300 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [76/239](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2024, as set out in its resolution [76/238](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

<sup>3</sup> [A/77/594](#).

16. *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 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,115,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 860,900 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 209,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 45,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 13 and 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 575,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2022, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 76/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2022, as set out in its resolution 76/238;

18. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the total amount of 575,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2022, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Decides* that the increase of 124,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2022 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 575,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force 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;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session, under the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East”, the sub-item entitled “United Nations Disengagement Observer Force”.