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## Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2022, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-seventh session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 29th and 35th meetings, on 1 May and 30 June 2023. 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 ([A/77/595](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 ([A/77/722](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/77/767/Add.1](#)).

#### II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/77/L.46](#)

4. At its 35th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus”

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/77/SR.29](#) and [A/C.5/77/SR.35](#).



([A/C.5/77/L.46](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/77/L.46](#) 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus**

*The General Assembly,*

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

*Recalling* Security Council resolution [186 \(1964\)](#) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution [2674 \(2023\)](#) of 30 January 2023, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 January 2024,

*Recalling also* its resolution [47/236](#) of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [76/283](#) of 29 June 2022,

*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 Force by certain Governments,

*Noting* that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,<sup>3</sup>

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2023, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 20 million United States dollars, representing some 2.6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 94 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/77/595](#) and [A/77/722](#).

<sup>2</sup> [A/77/767/Add.1](#).

<sup>3</sup> [S/1994/647](#).

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;

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, 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>4</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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 61,307,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, inclusive of 56,225,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 4,338,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 744,300 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. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 19,434,667 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 20,634,211 dollars for the period from 1 July 2023 to 31 January 2024, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [76/239](#) of 24 December 2021, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2023 and 2024, as set out in its resolution [76/238](#) of 24 December 2021;

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

<sup>4</sup> [A/77/595](#).

Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,752,100 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,511,125 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 198,275 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 42,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 14,738,722 dollars for the period from 1 February to 30 June 2024, at a monthly rate of 2,947,744 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;

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 1,251,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,079,375 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 141,625 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 30,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *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 14 and 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,111,664 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](#);

19. *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 amount of 1,111,664 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2022, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 300 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 1,111,664 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2022, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 676,901 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2022 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

22. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2022, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 242,135 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2022 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

23. *Decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

24. *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;

25. *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;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus”.

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