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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/900)]

63/293. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the last of which was resolution 1866 (2009) of 13 February 2009,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/260 of 20 June 2008,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly 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 Observer Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to complete its administrative liquidation,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 14.2 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the

¹ A/63/517 and A/63/684.

² A/63/746/Add.6.

total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-four 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. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which 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 Observer Mission in full;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the administrative liquidation of the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the administrative liquidation budget for the Observer Mission to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-fourth session for consideration;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009

7. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 15 million dollars for the administrative liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009;

Financing of the appropriation

8. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 10 million dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

9. *Further decides* to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 652,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, comprising 543,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 109,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

10. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 652,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, in accordance with

³ A/63/517.

the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, and for 2010;⁴

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 67,400 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 56,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 10,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

12. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 3,560,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

13. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 3,560,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Also decides* that the decrease of 164,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 3,560,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 12 and 13 above;

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

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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⁴ To be adopted by the General Assembly.