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

#### **Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations**

#### **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 [2477 \(2019\)](#) of 26 June 2019, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 December 2019,

*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 [72/298](#) of 5 July 2018, as well as its decision 72/558 of 5 July 2018,

*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

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<sup>1</sup> [A/73/614](#) and [A/73/734](#).

<sup>2</sup> [A/73/755/Add.3](#).



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 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, 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 2019, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.2 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 81 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;

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,<sup>2</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Emphasizes* the importance of overall budgetary performance in peacekeeping operations and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the recommendations of the relevant oversight bodies and to report thereon in the context of the performance reports;

10. *Also emphasizes* the importance of the accountability system of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen risk management and internal controls in the management of peacekeeping budgets and to report thereon in the context of his next report;

11. *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](#) and [70/286](#);

12. *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 2017 to 30 June 2018**

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> [A/73/614](#).

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 2,762,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 under the terms of section VI of General Assembly resolution [64/269](#), in addition to the amount of 57,653,700 dollars previously approved for the same period under the terms of its resolution [71/306](#) of 30 June 2017;

**Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018**

15. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 57,653,700 dollars previously apportioned under the terms of its resolution [71/306](#) for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 2,762,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the same period, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in Assembly resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

16. *Also decides* that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, the amount of 364,400 dollars, representing other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution [973 \(X\)](#) of 15 December 1955, 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 60,900 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the Force in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018;

**Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020**

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 74,041,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, inclusive of 69,409,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 3,931,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 700,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

**Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020**

19. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 37,020,700 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2019, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#) of 22 December 2018, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2019, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

20. *Also 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 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 965,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 788,450 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 139,950 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 37,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 37,020,700 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2020, at a monthly rate of 6,170,117 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2020, as set out in its resolution

[73/271](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

22. *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 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 965,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 788,450 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 139,950 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 37,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *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;

24. *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;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth 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”.

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