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Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled “Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 27th to 29th meetings, on 19, 20 and 23 December 2017. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019 ([A/72/396](#) and [A/72/396/Corr.1](#));

(b) Second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016–2017 ([A/72/604](#));

(c) Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and report of the Board of Auditors on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 ([A/72/5/Add.13](#));

¹ [A/C.5/72/SR.27](#), [A/C.5/72/SR.28](#) and [A/C.5/72/SR.29](#).



(d) Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and report of the Board of Auditors on the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals ([A/72/5/Add.15](#));

(e) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/654](#));

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation ([A/72/641](#));

(g) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/7/Add.36](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/72/L.12](#)

4. At its 29th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals” ([A/C.5/72/L.12](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Hungary.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/72/L.12](#) 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 International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

The General Assembly,

I

Second performance report on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016–2017

Having considered the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016–2017,¹ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² the financial reports and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the reports of the Board of Auditors on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994³ and on the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals⁴ and the recommendations contained therein,

Recalling its resolution 66/240 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 70/243 of 23 December 2015 and 71/269 of 23 December 2016, as well as its resolution 71/267 of 23 December 2016 on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016–2017;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section III.A of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²
3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2016–2017, the amount of 135,747,700 United States dollars gross (125,153,500 dollars net) approved in its resolution 71/269 for the financing of the Mechanism shall be adjusted by the amount of 3,781,600 dollars gross (4,568,800 dollars net), for a total amount of 131,966,100 dollars gross (120,584,700 dollars net);

II

Budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium

¹ A/72/604.

² A/72/654.

³ A/72/5/Add.13.

⁴ A/72/5/Add.15.

2018-2019⁵ and on the revised estimates arising from changes in rates of exchange and inflation,⁶

Having also considered the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019,⁵ and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;⁶

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 87,796,600 dollars gross (79,993,400 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mechanism for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2018;

4. *Decides* that the total assessment for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 under the Special Account amounting to 84,015,000 dollars shall consist of:

(a) 87,796,600 dollars, being the amount of commitment authority for the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018;

(b) Less 3,781,600 dollars, being the decrease in the final appropriation for the biennium 2016–2017, approved by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of section I above;

5. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 42,007,500 dollars gross (37,712,300 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2018;

6. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 42,007,500 dollars gross (37,712,300 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2018;

7. *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 paragraphs 5 and 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 8,590,400 dollars approved for the Mechanism for 2018.

⁵ A/72/396 and A/72/396/Corr.1.

⁶ A/72/641.

⁷ A/72/654 and A/72/7/Add.36.

Annex

Financing for the biennium 2018–2019 of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net of staff assessment</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019	228 029 300	206 498 100
Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	4 713 900	3 890 100
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	(232 743 200)	(210 388 200)
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee for a commitment authority from 1 January to 31 December 2018	87 796 600	79 993 400
Total amount of commitment authority for 2018	87 796 600	79 993 400
<i>Less:</i>		
Requirements arising from the final appropriation for the biennium 2016–2017	3 781 600	4 568 800
Net amount for 2018	84 015 000	75 424 600
<i>Including:</i>		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2018	42 007 500	37 712 300
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2018	42 007 500	37 712 300