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### Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

## Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

### Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Appropriation for 2016/17	\$920,727,900
Expenditure for 2016/17	\$871,616,300
Unencumbered balance for 2016/17	\$49,111,600
Appropriation for 2017/18	\$882,800,000
Projected expenditure for 2017/18 <sup>a</sup>	\$882,800,000 <sup>b</sup>
Projected underexpenditure for 2017/18 <sup>a</sup>	\$0
Proposal submitted by the Secretary-General for 2018/19	\$945,532,600
Adjustment recommended by the Advisory Committee for 2018/19	(\$1,320,700)
Recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 2018/19	\$944,211,900

<sup>a</sup> Estimates as at 28 February 2018.

<sup>b</sup> Prior to the finalization of the present report, the Advisory Committee provided its concurrence to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$20,211,500, resulting in total available resources of \$903,011,500.



## I. Introduction

1. During its consideration of the financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 20 April 2018. The documents reviewed and those used for background by the Advisory Committee are listed at the end of the present report. The Committee's comments and recommendations on cross-cutting issues related to peacekeeping operations, including those pertaining to the findings and recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, can be found in its related report (A/72/789). The main observations and recommendations of the Board pertaining specifically to MINUSCA are discussed below.

## II. Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

2. By its resolution 70/271, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$920,727,900 gross (\$909,176,200 net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. Expenditures for the period totalled \$871,616,300 gross (\$859,287,500 net). The resulting unencumbered balance of \$49,111,600, in gross terms, represents 5.3 per cent of the appropriation, reflecting the combined effect of: (a) lower-than-budgeted expenditures under military and police personnel (\$1,721,400, or 0.4 per cent) and operational costs (\$65,934,200, or 19.6 per cent); and (b) higher-than-budgeted expenditures under civilian personnel (\$18,544,000, or 11.3 per cent). An analysis of variances is provided in section IV of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of MINUSCA for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/72/637).

3. The comments of the Advisory Committee on the information presented in the performance report on individual objects of expenditure can be found, where relevant, in the discussion of the proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 in the paragraphs below.

4. In considering the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of MINUSCA, the Advisory Committee also had before it the report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2017 (A/72/5 (Vol. II), chap. II). In its report, the Board made observations and recommendations pertaining to the Mission on the following matters: (a) underexpenditure and redeployments (*ibid.*, paras. 63–78); (b) air operations (*ibid.*, paras. 94–104 and 163–169); (c) human resources (*ibid.*, paras. 260–274); and (d) contingent accommodation (*ibid.*, paras. 492–498). **The Advisory Committee trusts that the recommendations of the Board of Auditors will be implemented expeditiously.**

## III. Information on performance for the current period

5. With respect to current and projected expenditures for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, the Committee was informed that, as at 28 February 2018, expenditures amounted to \$715,105,900. At the end of the current financial period, the estimated total expenditures would equal the appropriation of \$882,800,000, resulting in projected full utilization of the approved budget.

6. The Advisory Committee recalls that, by a letter dated 8 March 2018, the Controller requested the Committee's concurrence to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$20,211,500 gross to meet the additional requirements for military personnel as authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 2387 (2017), by which the Council increased the force level of MINUSCA up to a ceiling of 11,650 military personnel. The amount requested would provide for implementation of the activities associated with the deployment of the additional 900 military personnel, including preliminary work for accommodations, the conversion of one protection support unit to a formed police unit and the reconfiguration of existing units for increased protection. Noting the additional requirements for military personnel and the level of expenditure of the Mission in the current period, the Committee concurred with the request for authorization to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$20,211,500 gross.

7. The Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 28 February 2018, the incumbency for MINUSCA was as follows:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Authorized/ approved 2017/18<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Encumbered</i>	<i>Vacancy rate (percentage)</i>
<b>Military and police personnel</b>			
Military observers	169	147	13.0
Military contingent personnel	11 481	10 585	(0.0) <sup>b</sup>
United Nations police	400	385	3.8
Formed police unit personnel	1 680	1 663	1.0
<b>Civilian personnel</b>			
International staff	758	611	19.4
National Professional Officers	121	97	19.8
National General Service staff	565	423	25.1
<b>General temporary assistance</b>			
International staff	40	29	27.5
National staff	9	2	77.8
<b>United Nations Volunteers</b>			
International Volunteers	199	173	13.1
National Volunteers	55	54	1.8
<b>Government-provided personnel</b>			
	108	105	2.8

<sup>a</sup> Represents the highest authorized strength for military and police personnel and the number of approved posts for civilian personnel.

<sup>b</sup> Vacancy rate derived from incumbency compared with the original authorized level for 2017/18 of 10,581 military contingent personnel prior to the adoption of Security Council resolution 2387 (2017), by which the Council authorized an additional 900 military contingent personnel, for a total of 11,481 military contingent personnel.

8. The Advisory Committee was also informed that, as at 31 December 2017, a total of \$3,424,547,000 had been assessed on Member States in respect of MINUSCA since its inception. Payments received as at the same date amounted to \$3,077,711,000, leaving an outstanding balance of \$346,836,000. The Committee notes that the cash position of the Mission as at 12 March 2018 was \$361,330,000, which covers the three-month operating cash reserve of \$140,815,000, leaving \$220,515,000 in remaining cash.

9. In addition, the Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 31 December 2017, the outstanding balance for the reimbursement of troop costs amounted to

\$33,700,000 and the outstanding balance for contingent-owned equipment amounted to \$37,518,000. With regard to death and disability compensation, the Committee was informed that, as at 1 March 2018, an amount of \$2,729,000 had been paid to settle 57 claims since the inception of the Mission, with 27 pending death and disability claims. **The Committee notes the high number of pending claims in MINUSCA and expects that all outstanding claims will be settled expeditiously.**

## IV. Proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

### A. Mandate and planning assumptions

10. The mandate of MINUSCA was established by the Security Council in its resolution [2149 \(2014\)](#) and most recently extended by the Council in its resolution [2387 \(2017\)](#), until 15 November 2018. The main priorities and planning assumptions of the Mission for the 2018/19 period are summarized by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 7 to 38 of his report on the proposed budget ([A/72/779](#)).

### B. Resource requirements

11. The proposed budget for MINUSCA for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 amounts to \$945,532,600, representing an increase of \$62,732,600, or 7.1 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2017/18.<sup>1</sup> This reflects proposed increases under military and police personnel and civilian personnel, offset in part by a proposed decrease under operational costs, as explained below. Detailed information on the financial resources proposed and an analysis of variances is provided in sections II and III of the proposed budget (*ibid.*).

#### 1. Military and police personnel

<i>Category</i>	<i>Authorized 2017/18<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Proposed 2018/19</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Military observers	169	169	–
Military contingent personnel	10 581	11 481	900 <sup>b</sup>
United Nations police	400	400	–
Formed police unit personnel	1 680	1 680	–

<sup>a</sup> Represents the highest level of authorized strength.

<sup>b</sup> Pursuant to Security Council resolution [2387 \(2017\)](#), by which the Council increased the force level of MINUSCA up to a ceiling of 11,650 military personnel, representing an additional 900 military personnel.

12. The proposed resources for military and police personnel for 2018/19 amount to \$487,538,500, representing an increase of \$50,531,900, or 11.6 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2017/18. The proposed increase is attributable mainly to increased requirements under: (a) military contingents (\$48,392,800, or 13.6 per cent), owing to the increase in authorized troop strength, higher costs for the deployment of major equipment, and the lower exchange rate of 0.837 euros per

<sup>1</sup> Prior to the finalization of the present report, the Advisory Committee provided its concurrence to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$20,211,500, resulting in total available resources of \$903,011,500 for 2017/18. The proposed budget for MINUSCA for 2018/19 would represent an increase of \$42,521,100, or 4.8 per cent, compared with the total available resources for 2017/18.

United States dollar; and (b) formed police units (\$2,880,800, or 5.3 per cent), owing to the application of a lower vacancy rate, the lower exchange rate of 0.837 euros per United States dollar and the reconfiguration of a protection support unit into a formed police unit (*ibid.*, paras. 167–168).

13. The Advisory Committee recalls that the Board of Auditors, in its report, noted that in the 2016/17 period the Mission had not provided adequate accommodation for 5,450 military contingent personnel, for which MINUSCA had had to reimburse nearly \$6 million to the troop-contributing countries. The Board considered it imperative that MINUSCA provide necessary and adequate accommodation as soon as possible, and recommended that the Administration, together with MINUSCA, analyse the use of prefabricated buildings to avoid the accommodation of contingents in tents (see [A/72/5 \(Vol. II\)](#), chap. II, paras. 492–498). Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that at present, 59 per cent of the Mission's troops that were not self-sustained in accommodation were now living in hard-wall accommodation, and it was anticipated that by the first quarter of 2019, all troops would be accommodated in hard-wall facilities. **The Committee trusts that the Mission will strengthen its efforts to ensure the provision of standard United Nations-compliant accommodation to military contingent personnel, in order to avoid the need for penalty payments.**

14. **The Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the Secretary-General's proposals for military and police personnel.**

## 2. Civilian personnel

<i>Category</i>	<i>Approved 2017/18</i>	<i>Proposed 2018/19</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Posts			
International staff	758	704	(54)
National Professional Officers	121	108	(13)
National General Service staff	565	502	(63)
Temporary positions <sup>a</sup>			
International staff	40	–	(40)
National staff	9	–	(9)
United Nations Volunteers			
International Volunteers	199	167	(32)
National Volunteers	55	43	(12)
Government-provided personnel	108	108	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 855</b>	<b>1 632</b>	<b>(223)</b>

<sup>a</sup> Funded under general temporary assistance.

15. The proposed resources for civilian personnel for 2018/19 amount to \$203,824,100, representing an increase of \$43,156,000, or 26.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2017/18. The proposed increase is attributable mainly to increased requirements under: (a) international staff (\$43,171,400, or 34.4 per cent), owing to the application of a lower vacancy rate, the higher rates for international salaries based on the revised salary scale, and the proposed conversion of 31 temporary positions to posts; and (b) national staff (\$6,970,200, or 57.9 per cent), owing to the application of a lower vacancy rate, the applied exchange rate of 549.010 CFA francs per United States dollar, the higher rates for national staff salaries based on the revised salary scale, and the proposed conversion of 8 temporary positions to posts (see [A/72/779](#), paras. 169–170).

**Vacancy rates**

16. The cost estimates for civilian personnel reflect vacancy rates of 8.3 per cent for international staff, 15.0 per cent for National Professional Officers and national General Service staff, 12.0 per cent for international United Nations Volunteers, 2.0 per cent for national United Nations Volunteers, and 8.3 per cent for Government-provided personnel (*ibid.*, para. 145).

**Recommendations on posts and positions**

17. A total of 1,632 posts and positions are proposed for the 2018/19 period, reflecting proposed staffing changes comprising the establishment of 4 posts, the abolishment of 227 posts/positions, the reclassification of 8 posts, the conversion of 39 positions to posts, the redeployment of 36 posts and the reassignment of 16 posts.

18. The establishment of four new posts is proposed, as follows: (a) one post of Senior Victims' Rights Advocate Officer (P-5); (b) two posts of Associate Political Affairs Officer (P-2); and (c) one post of Chief Procurement Officer (P-5). The Secretary-General states that the incumbent of the proposed post of Senior Victims' Rights Advocate Officer (P-5) would continue to establish and improve mechanisms to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse, and oversee the establishment of a mechanism to protect victims, complainants and witnesses at risk of threat, intimidation and reprisal. The incumbents of the proposed posts of Associate Political Affairs Officer (P-2) would support the work of the Mission on the African Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation and support and monitor the anticipated extension of State authority as it progresses. A post of Chief Procurement Officer (P-5) is proposed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the procurement functions at the Mission level, taking into account the volume of transactions and the need for adequate oversight and internal controls (*ibid.*, paras. 49, 87, 135 and 136). **The Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the proposed four new posts.**

19. It is proposed that 227 posts/positions be abolished, owing mainly to the increased focus of the Mission on core peacekeeping activities, the geographical prioritization of its mandate, the revised field office structure in its area of operations, the progress made in some substantive areas, and the ability of its partners to take on greater roles (*ibid.*, para. 32). **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the proposed abolishments.**

20. The Secretary-General also proposes the reclassification of eight posts, as follows: (a) three posts of Head of Office (D-1) as P-5 posts; (b) two posts of Head of Office (P-5) as P-4 posts; (c) two posts of Political Affairs Officer (P-4) as P-3 posts; and (d) one post of Gender Affairs Officer (P-4) as a P-5 post. Regarding the proposed reclassification of the five Head of Office posts, the Secretary-General indicates that the Mission will slightly reduce its capacity in the field and implement a new, three-tiered approach to the geographical prioritization of its operations, which will result in the overall responsibilities of the Heads of Office in those locations being diminished (*ibid.*, paras. 47–48). **While the Advisory Committee has no objection to the proposed reclassifications of the five Head of Office posts, it is of the view that the Secretary-General should provide more detailed information to the General Assembly on the rationale for these reclassifications.**

21. The Secretary-General indicates that, owing mainly to the continuing nature of the respective activities, 39 positions are proposed for conversion to posts, comprising 2 positions in the Conduct and Discipline Service, 7 positions in the Office of the Police Commissioner, 1 position in the Claims Unit, 7 positions in the Mission Support Centre, 1 position in the Office of the Chief of the Services Delivery Service, 16 positions in the Facilities and Engineering Management Section and

5 positions in the Procurement Section (*ibid.*, paras. 66, 75, 116, 121, 123, 125 and 136). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that a strategic review of MINUSCA was planned for the summer of 2018, with a civilian staffing review to follow if recommended as a result of the strategic review. **Taking into account the upcoming strategic review of MINUSCA and a possible civilian staffing review, the Committee recommends against the approval of the proposed conversions at this time.**

22. It is also proposed that 36 posts be redeployed and that 16 posts be reassigned, owing mainly to the Mission's geographical prioritization and the revised field office structure. **While the Advisory Committee has no objection to the proposed redeployments and reassignments, it expects the Secretary-General to include in his next budget report detailed information on the results of the reprioritization and the revised structure.** The Committee's observations and recommendations on mission support structures are contained in its report on cross-cutting issues related to peacekeeping operations ([A/72/789](#)).

### Long-vacant posts

23. The Advisory Committee recalls its view that, as a matter of general principle, the continuing requirement for posts that have been vacant for two years or longer should be reviewed and the posts proposed for retention or abolishment in all budget proposals (see [A/70/742](#), para. 46). Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that there were 111 posts in MINUSCA that had been vacant for two years or longer, of which 36 were proposed for abolishment and 2 for redeployment, while the others were at various stages of the recruitment process. The Committee was also informed that MINUSCA had conducted a review of those posts in the preparation of the 2018/19 proposed budget. **The Committee notes that the Mission has conducted a review of the long-vacant posts, and that the 2018/19 budget report proposes the abolishment of a total of 227 posts, including 36 long-vacant posts. The Committee trusts that MINUSCA will continue to review long-vacant posts and propose retention or abolishment in the next budget report. The Committee reiterates that the Secretary-General should ensure that vacant posts are filled expeditiously (see [A/71/836](#), para. 108).**

24. **Subject to its recommendation in paragraph 21 above, the Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the Secretary-General's proposals for civilian personnel.**

### 3. Operational costs

(United States dollars)

	<i>Apportioned 2017/18</i>	<i>Proposed 2018/19</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Operational costs	285 125 300	254 170 000	(30 955 300)

25. The proposed resources for operational costs for 2018/19 amount to \$254,170,000, representing a decrease of \$30,955,300, or 10.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2017/18. The proposed decrease is attributable mainly to decreased requirements under: (a) air operations (\$27,873,300, or 31.5 per cent), owing to the lower guaranteed fleet costs and number of flight hours, the anticipated lower consumption of fuel and the non-renewal of the letter-of-assist arrangement for an unmanned aerial system; and (b) other supplies, services and equipment (\$16,603,900, or 29.9 per cent), as a result of the lower costs for implementing partners and grants owing to fewer programmatic activities, lower anticipated freight costs and the non-requirement for other services (see [A/72/779](#), paras. 175 and 180).

### Facilities and infrastructure

26. In his report, the Secretary-General includes a request for \$89,567,600 under facilities and infrastructure, representing an increase of \$21,403,000, or 31.4 per cent, compared with the 2017/18 apportionment. The Advisory Committee notes from information provided to it that the proposed resources include the amount of \$4,665,200 for the acquisition of generators and electrical equipment, representing an increase of \$2,829,500, or 154.1 per cent, compared with the 2017/18 apportionment. The Committee also notes that, as at 28 February 2018, expenditure under this line amounted to \$173,900. The Committee requested but did not receive adequate justification for the proposed increase taking into account the low expenditure in the current period. **The Committee therefore recommends a reduction of 10 per cent of the proposed increase, in the amount of \$283,000, to the proposed resources under acquisition of generators and electrical equipment.**

27. The Advisory Committee notes from information provided to it that the amount of \$11,356,763 is proposed in respect of unmanned aerial systems for the 2018/19 period, comprising \$11,256,103 under facilities and infrastructure (security services) and \$100,660 under communications and information technology. The Committee also notes that the proposed resources under facilities and infrastructure (security services) amount to \$15,400,900, representing an increase of \$3,969,700, or 34.7 per cent, compared with the 2017/18 apportionment. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that the utilization rates of the unmanned aerial systems for the 2016/17 period had been 4.3 per cent for May 2017 and 75.0 per cent for June 2017, while the utilization rate for the 2017/18 period as at 28 February 2018 had been 64.5 per cent. **Taking into account the low rate of utilization of the unmanned aerial systems, the Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent of the proposed increase, amounting to \$397,000, to the proposed resources for unmanned aerial systems under facilities and infrastructure (security services).**

28. Under construction, alteration, renovation and major maintenance, the Advisory Committee notes from information provided to it that the budget proposal includes the amount of \$14,094,800, representing an increase of \$4,158,300, or 41.8 per cent, compared with the 2017/18 apportionment. The Committee also notes that, as at 28 February 2018, expenditure under this line amounted to \$9,274,500. **The Committee was not provided with adequate justification for the proposed level of increase and therefore recommends a reduction of 10 per cent of the proposed increase, in the amount of \$415,800, to the proposed resources under construction, alteration, renovation and major maintenance.**

### Ground transportation

29. Proposed resources for ground transportation amount to \$17,015,600, representing a decrease of \$110,300, or 0.6 per cent, compared with the 2017/18 apportionment. The Advisory Committee notes from information provided to it that the proposed resources include \$12,660,600 for petrol, oil and lubricants, which represents an increase of \$2,248,600, or 21.6 per cent, compared with the 2017/18 apportionment. The Committee also notes that expenditure under this line in the 2016/17 period amounted to \$11,101,800, while expenditure as at 28 February 2018 for the current period amounted to \$10,691,200. **The Committee is not convinced that the proposed level of increase under petrol, oil and lubricants is justified and recommends a reduction of 10 per cent of the proposed increase, in the amount of \$224,900.**

30. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the higher number of vehicles in the MINUSCA fleet for the 2018/19 period was due in part to the revision of standard ratios. In response to the revised ratios, MINUSCA had reduced its

acquisition plan for the replacement of vehicles and would dispose of non-functional vehicles, and it was expected that the Mission would be within the standard ratios by the end of the 2018/19 period. The Committee was also informed that MINUSCA would continue to rely on 4x4 vehicles owing to the poor road conditions throughout the area of operations of the Mission, as sedans or crossover vehicles would not be suitable for the terrain and would result in higher maintenance costs and earlier disposal.

**31. Subject to its recommendations in paragraphs 26 to 29 above, the Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the Secretary-General's proposals for operational costs.**

#### **4. Other matters**

##### **Environmental initiatives**

32. The Secretary-General indicates that MINUSCA will continue to implement a comprehensive environmental programme, including waste management projects and the installation of incinerators, hybrid photovoltaic energy grids, light-emitting diode (LED) lighting and energy-efficient air conditioning units, with the installation of all wastewater treatment plants to be completed by 30 June 2018. The Secretary-General also states that the Mission will focus on sustainable groundwater extraction, the installation of water metres and the monitoring of performance targets for daily water use per person, while conducting environmental inspections and prioritizing required follow-up action (*ibid.*, para. 37).

33. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that MINUSCA was in partial compliance with the Environmental Policy for United Nations Field Missions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support. The Committee was informed that challenges remained in the area of waste management, as there was only one partially functional landfill in the country and no wastewater treatment plants. The Mission was currently installing wastewater treatment plants and septic tanks at all its locations. With respect to soil contamination, the Committee was informed that small amounts existed under most of the generators and fuel tanks, and that the Mission would work on removing and remediating contaminated soil. The Committee was also informed that the disposal of vehicles and equipment was a challenge for MINUSCA, which was in the last stages of the procurement process for a scrap contractor to acquire scrap vehicles and parts from the Mission and to recycle the metal, vehicle batteries and tyres.

34. The Advisory Committee recalls that the Board of Auditors recommended that the Administration remind missions to prevent soil contamination, and ensure that administrative stipulations were adhered to and renewable sources of energy used (see [A/72/5 \(Vol. II\)](#), chap. II, paras. 432, 440 and 447). **The Committee recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with the Environmental Policy of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support and the timely completion of MINUSCA environmental projects, including on the installation of wastewater treatment plants and septic tanks, soil contamination, recycling and renewable sources of energy.**

##### **Other programmatic activities**

35. Information on the other programmatic activities proposed to be undertaken in 2018/19 is provided in paragraphs 161 and 162 of the budget report. Proposed resources amount to \$7,702,000, comprising \$4,800,000 for the Special Criminal Court, \$1,247,500 for justice and corrections, \$691,000 for human rights, \$363,500 for civil affairs, \$350,000 for police training and \$250,000 for security sector reform.

Upon enquiry as to the Special Criminal Court, the Advisory Committee was informed that it was intended that MINUSCA and other international partners would provide financial, operational and technical support in the early phases of the Court's existence, to be followed by funding from the host country. In this regard, the Committee was informed that MINUSCA was now working to attract longer-term external donors to support the Court's activities, as it was unlikely that the State would be able to fund the institution in the near future.

36. The Advisory Committee recalls that it previously made observations and recommendations on programmatic activities for the 2017/18 period in its report of 26 April 2017 on cross-cutting issues related to peacekeeping operations (see [A/71/836](#), paras. 176–179). **The Committee reiterates the need for comprehensive guidance on: (a) explanations of the types of programmatic activity to be funded by peacekeeping missions; (b) justifications that the activities support the implementation of mandated tasks in each mission; (c) the mission's comparative advantage in the delivery of these activities as well as those of implementing partners; (d) the contractual arrangements in place with implementing partners; and (e) appropriate oversight, governance and reporting mechanisms. While the Committee notes that the report of the Secretary-General does not provide comprehensive information relating to scope, criteria, governance and accounting procedures for programmatic activities funded from peacekeeping operations, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution [70/286](#), it does not object to the proposed resources for other programmatic activities at this stage.** The Committee makes further observations and recommendations on programmatic activities for the 2018/19 period in its most recent report on cross-cutting issues related to peacekeeping operations ([A/72/789](#)).

## V. Conclusion

37. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MINUSCA for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 are indicated in section V of the performance report ([A/72/637](#)). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the unencumbered balance of \$49,111,600 with respect to the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, as well as other income/adjustments amounting to \$33,676,700 for the period ended 30 June 2017, be credited to Member States.**

38. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MINUSCA for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 are indicated in section IV of the proposed budget ([A/72/779](#)). **Taking into account its recommendations in paragraphs 21 and 26 to 29 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly appropriate the amount of \$944,211,900 for the maintenance of the Mission for the 12-month period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.**

*Documentation*

- Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/637](#))
- Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/779](#))
- Report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 12-month period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/5 \(Vol. II\)](#), chap. II)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2017 ([A/72/756](#))
- Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/770](#))
- Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budget performance for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic ([A/71/836/Add.8](#))
- General Assembly resolution [71/299](#) on the financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
- Security Council resolution [2387 \(2017\)](#)