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**Financing of the activities arising from Security Council
resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait
Observation Mission**

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 51st, 52nd and 66th meetings on 22 and 23 May and 30 June 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.51, 52 and 66).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Final report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/60/651);
 - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/788).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.45

4. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission” (A/C.5/60/L.45), which was introduced by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Algeria.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.45 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 Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

1. *Takes note* of the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 14 of his report;¹

2. *Also takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 30 April 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 3.9 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and forty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its continued appreciation* of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

4. *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 Observation Mission in full;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

6. *Decides* that, taking into account the voluntary contributions of the Government of Kuwait, two thirds of the cash balance available as at 30 June 2005 in the amount of 27,844,700 dollars shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

7. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, there shall be credited their respective share of the remaining balance as at 30 June 2005 in the amount of 13,922,300 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of the same date and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of

¹ A/60/651.

² A/60/788.

assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

8. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their respective share of the remaining balance as at 30 June 2005 in the amount of 13,922,300 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

10. *Decides* that updated information on the financial position of the Observation Mission shall be included in the report on the updated position of closed peacekeeping missions to be considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session under the agenda item entitled “Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations”;

11. *Also decides* that the item entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission” shall be deleted from its agenda.
