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

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 21st and 26th meetings, on 2 and 27 December 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.5/68/SR.21](#) and 26).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 ([A/68/505](#));
 - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/617](#));

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.8](#)

4. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer



Force” ([A/C.5/68/L.8](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.8](#) without a vote (see para. 8).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

7. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

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 2108 (2013) of 27 June 2013,

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 67/278 of 28 June 2013,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

2. *Takes note* of paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee;²

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

3. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 12,635,500 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 for the maintenance of the Force, in addition to the amount of 50,736,200 dollars previously appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 67/278, inclusive of 48,019,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,277,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 439,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the additional appropriation

4. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 50,736,200 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 under the terms of its resolution 67/278, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 6,317,750 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into

¹ A/68/505.

² A/68/617.

account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution [67/238](#) of 24 December 2012;

5. *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 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 56,700 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013;

6. *Further decides*, taking into account the amount of 50,736,200 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 under the terms of its resolution [67/278](#), to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 6,317,750 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2014, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [67/239](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution [67/238](#);

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 paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 56,700 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2014;

8. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-eighth 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”.
