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Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Appropriation for 2017/18	\$54,000,000
Expenditure for 2017/18	\$53,977,800
Unencumbered balance for 2017/18	\$22,200
Appropriation for 2018/19	\$52,938,900
Projected expenditure for 2018/19 ^a	\$52,269,500
Projected underexpenditure for 2018/19	\$669,400
Proposal submitted by the Secretary-General for 2019/20	\$51,410,700
Adjustment recommended by the Advisory Committee for 2019/20	(\$125,400)
Recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 2019/20	\$51,285,300

^a Estimates as at 31 January 2019.



I. Introduction

1. During its consideration of the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), 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 26 March 2019. The documents reviewed and those used for background by the Advisory Committee are listed at the end of the present report. The comments and recommendations of the Committee 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 2017 to 30 June 2018, can be found in its related report ([A/73/755](#)). The main observations and recommendations of the Board pertaining specifically to UNFICYP are discussed in paragraph 4 below.

II. Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

2. By its resolution [71/300](#), the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$54,000,000 gross (\$51,802,100 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. Expenditures for the period totalled \$53,977,800 gross (\$51,544,400 net), for a budget implementation rate of 100 per cent. The resulting unencumbered balance of \$22,200, in gross terms, reflects the combined effect of: (a) lower-than-budgeted expenditures under military and police personnel (\$470,600, or 2 per cent) and operational costs (\$1,463,800, or 8.7 per cent); and (b) higher-than-budgeted expenditures under civilian personnel (\$1,912,200, or 14.6 per cent). A detailed analysis of variances is provided in section IV 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 ([A/73/615](#)).

3. The budget performance report indicates that, during the 2017/18 period, a total amount of \$1,912,000 was redeployed from group I, military and police personnel (448,000), and from group III, operational costs (1,464,000), to group II, civilian personnel, to cover increased salary requirements attributable to the appreciation of the euro against the United States dollar ([A/73/615](#), para. 26). 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 2019 to 30 June 2020 (see [A/73/738](#)) in section IV below.

4. In considering the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of UNFICYP, the Advisory Committee also had before it the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2018 ([A/73/5 \(Vol. II\)](#), chap. II). In its report, the Board made observations and recommendations pertaining to the accuracy of monthly troop strength analysis reports (*ibid.*, para. 246), the subdelegation of authority on property management (*ibid.*, paras. 328–329) and the composition of the Local Property Survey Board (*ibid.*, para. 331). The Committee recalls that the Board, in its previous report, made observations and recommendations pertaining, *inter alia*, to the disposal of expired medicine ([A/72/5 \(Vol. II\)](#), chap. II, para. 451). In this respect, the Committee was provided with updated information indicating that a new contract for waste management, covering collection and disposal of expired medicines, had been concluded and that the first batch of medical waste had been collected and destroyed in February 2018.

III. Information on performance for the current period

5. With respect to current and projected expenditures for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, the Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 31 January 2019, expenditures amounted to \$39,589,400. At the end of the current financial period, it is estimated that total expenditures will amount to \$52,269,500, resulting in a projected unencumbered balance of \$669,400 (or 1.3 per cent).

6. The Advisory Committee was provided with information on the incumbency of UNFICYP uniformed and civilian personnel as at 28 February 2019 as follows:

<i>Category of personnel</i>	<i>Authorized/ approved in 2018/19^a</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>	<i>Vacancy rate (percentage)</i>
Military and police personnel			
Military contingents	860	834	3
United Nations police	69	69	–
Total, military and police personnel	929	903	2.8
Civilian personnel			
International staff	38	37	2.6
National Professional Officers	4	4	–
National General Service staff	115	114	0.9
International general temporary assistance	1	–	100
Total, civilian personnel	158	155	1.9

^a Represent the highest authorized strength for military and police personnel and the number of approved posts for civilian personnel.

7. The Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 27 February 2019, a total of \$687,191,000 had been assessed on Member States in respect of UNFICYP since its inception. Payments received as at 31 January 2019 amounted to \$663,191,000, leaving an outstanding balance of \$24,000,000. As at 27 February, the cash available to the Force amounted to \$7,548,000, which is insufficient to cover the three-month operating reserve of \$9,909,000 (excluding reimbursements to troop- and police-contributing countries). **The Committee recalls that the General Assembly has repeatedly urged all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions (see, for example, General Assembly resolutions 71/303, para. 3, and 72/295, para. 3).**

8. The Advisory Committee was also informed that all claims for the reimbursement of troop costs up to October 2018 had been settled. Contingent-owned equipment had been certified and reimbursed up to September 2018, leaving a balance of \$211,000 as at 31 December 2018. With regard to death and disability compensation, as at 31 January 2019 an amount of \$1,726,000 had been paid to settle 288 claims since the inception of the Force; payment for eight claims were pending. **The Committee trusts that the outstanding claims will be settled expeditiously.**

IV. Proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

A. Mandate and planning assumptions

9. The mandate of UNFICYP was established by the Security Council in its resolution 186 (1964). The most recent extension of the mandate of the Force, until 31 July 2019, was approved by the Council in its resolution 2453 (2019) dated 30 January 2019.

10. In his report, the Secretary-General indicates that UNFICYP will continue to maintain law and order in the buffer zone, particularly as civilian activities are expected to continue to increase and additional work will be required from the Force to reduce and manage tensions (A/73/738, para. 7). UNFICYP will also continue to promote the implementation of confidence-building measures to bolster conditions conducive to a resumption of settlement talks (ibid., para. 8). As emphasized by the Security Council in its resolution 2430 (2018), the Force will support enhanced intercommunal contact through its new decentralized structure (A/73/738, para. 11) and to strengthen the participation of women at all stages of the peace process (ibid., paras. 12–13). As in prior periods, the Force will further its efforts to reduce its environmental footprint (ibid., para. 15). Information on the planning assumptions and mission support initiatives for the 2019/20 period are described in section I.B of the report of the Secretary-General.

11. In its most recent resolution on UNFICYP, 2453 (2019), the Security Council requested, once more, that the Force implement fully, within existing resources, the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic review of UNFICYP carried out in November 2017 (S/2017/1008). In his report, the Secretary-General indicates that his budget proposal for 2019/20 reflects the implementation of the remaining recommendations arising from the strategic review, which included the strengthening of the Force's liaison and engagement capacity across the sectors and the completion of the reorganization of mission support (A/73/738, para. 10; see also para. 13 below).

12. As indicated in paragraph 16 of the report of the Secretary-General, UNFICYP will continue to cooperate with other peacekeeping missions in the region. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that UNFICYP receives support from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for participation in the regional initiative for the provision of information and communications technology services and, when required, for HIV/AIDS counselling and conduct and discipline matters. UNIFIL provides these services on a non-reimbursable basis, with UNFICYP bearing only related direct costs, such as travel. Additionally, UNFICYP is supported by one General Service staff member, embedded in the Kuwait Joint Support Office, for the processing of payroll services for the Force's national staff and uniformed personnel.

Restructuring of the mission support component

13. As recommended in the strategic review of the Force (see para. 11 above), the Secretary-General proposes to complete the reorganization of mission support, including the redeployment and reassignment of a number of posts (A/73/738, paras. 9–10; see also para. 25 below). The Advisory Committee recalls that in the previous report of the Secretary-General, it was proposed to reorganize the UNFICYP mission support component in line with the harmonization of mission support structures in field missions (A/72/735, para. 14). **The Committee also recalls that multiple restructuring exercises of the support component have been undertaken**

in peacekeeping operations in recent years. The Committee considers that after completion of the ongoing restructuring exercises, there is a need for a period of stabilization and an assessment of the effectiveness of the reorganized structures. The Committee comments further on this matter in its cross-cutting report related to peacekeeping operations ([A/73/755](#)).

B. Resource requirements

14. The proposed budget for UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 amounts to \$51,410,700 (exclusive of budgeted voluntary contributions in kind in the amount of \$437,400), representing a decrease of \$1,528,200, or 2.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2018/19. This reflects the combined effect of proposed decreases under military and police personnel (\$181,500, or 0.8 per cent), under civilian personnel (\$134,300 or 0.9 per cent) and operational costs (\$1,212,400, or 7.8 per cent). Detailed information on the financial resources proposed and an analysis of variances is provided in sections II and III of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed budget ([A/73/738](#)).

15. The Advisory Committee notes that, under the provisions of the status-of-forces agreement, budgeted voluntary contributions in kind by the Government of Cyprus for the 2019/20 period amount to \$437,400 and the estimated value of its non-budgeted contributions in kind for the same period amount to \$892,500. **The Committee notes with appreciation the continued voluntary contributions to UNFICYP.**

1. Military and police personnel

<i>Category</i>	<i>Authorized 2018/19^a</i>	<i>Proposed 2019/20</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Military contingent personnel	860	860	–
United Nations police	69	69	–

^a Represents the highest level of authorized strength.

16. The proposed resources for military and police personnel for 2019/20 amount to \$21,926,100, reflecting a decrease of \$181,500, or 0.8 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2018/19. The decrease is mostly due to: (a) reduced requirements under mission subsistence allowance for military and police personnel, attributable primarily to the proposed deployment of a lower number of staff officers and to the depreciation of the euro against the United States dollar; (b) the non-requirement for freight for the repatriation of contingent-owned equipment; and (c) reduced requirements for travel on emplacement, rotation and repatriation, attributable primarily to the lower-than-anticipated cost of commercial chartered flights for the rotation of troops. The decrease would be partly offset by an increase in the requirements for the reimbursement of military personnel, mainly attributable to the higher rate of reimbursement approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [72/285](#).

17. **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 2018/19</i>	<i>Proposed 2019/20</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Posts			
International staff	38	38	–
National Professional Officers	4	6	2
National General Service	115	115	–
Temporary positions^a			
International staff	1	2	1
Total	158	161	3

^a Funded under general temporary assistance.

18. The proposed resources for civilian personnel for 2019/20 amount to \$15,231,000, reflecting a decrease of \$134,300, or 0.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2018/19. The Secretary-General indicates that the decrease is primarily the result of: (a) decreased requirements under international staff, mainly attributable to lower rates for international staff salaries based on the revised salary scale, offset in part by the application of the lower vacancy rate of 7 per cent, compared with the rate of 10 per cent applied in the approved budget for the 2018/19 period, and the proposed upward reclassification of two posts from the P-3 to P-4 level (see para. 24 below); and (b) increased requirements under general temporary assistance, mainly attributable to the proposed establishment of one temporary position (see para. 23 below).

Vacancy rates and vacant posts

19. The table below provides a summary of the vacancy rates for civilian personnel, including: (a) the budgeted and actual average vacancy rates for 2017/18; (b) the budgeted rate for 2018/19, the actual average rate for the 8-month period between 1 July 2018 and 28 February 2019 and the actual rate as at 28 February 2019; and (c) the vacancy factor applied in estimating the requirements for 2019/20. The Advisory Committee notes that the proposed vacancy rates for the 2019/20 period are: higher than both the actual average rate and the actual rate for both international and national staff as at 31 January 2019; and lower than both the actual average rate and the actual rate for international temporary positions as at 31 January 2019.

Vacancy rates

(Percentage)

	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual average vacancy rate from 1 July 2018 to 31 January 2019</i>	<i>Actual vacancy rate as at 31 January 2019</i>	<i>Proposed vacancy rate</i>
International staff	6.0	5.4	10.0	5.6	–	7.0
National Professional Officers	–	50.0	25.0	7.1	–	16.7
National General Service staff	4.0	1.7	2.0	1.5	0.9	2.0
Temporary positions						
International staff	–	–	50.0	100.0	100.0	25.0

20. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that a total of four posts were vacant as at 19 March 2019, comprising three international posts (1 P-4, 2 (Field

Service)) and one national General Service post. None of the posts have been vacant for more than two years.

21. **The Advisory Committee reiterates its view that budgeted vacancy rates should be based, as much as possible, on actual vacancy rates. In cases where the proposed budget rates differ from the actual budget rates at the time of budget preparation, clear justification should be provided in related budget documents for the rates used (A/70/742, para. 45).**

Recommendations on posts and positions

22. A total of 161 civilian posts and positions are proposed for 2019/20, comprising 38 international posts, 121 national staff posts (6 National Professional Officer and 115 national General Service staff) and two international positions funded under general temporary assistance. The 2019/20 staffing proposals reflect a net increase of two National Professional Officer posts and one temporary international position compared with the approved posts and positions for 2018/19. The staffing proposals also reflect the reclassification upwards of two P-3 posts to P-4 (see para. 24 below), as well as the redeployment and reassignment of 15 posts, mainly in order to complete the restructuring of the mission support component (see para. 13 above).

23. In his report, the Secretary-General proposes the establishment of two posts and one position, as follows: two Associate Civil Affairs Officer posts at the National Professional Officer level and one P-3 Human Resources Officer position funded under general temporary assistance. Regarding the proposed establishment of two posts of Associate Civil Affairs Officer, the report of the Secretary-General indicates that these posts will support the implementation of the intercommunal trust-building strategy through liaison, engagement and outreach to the local community and civil society in sector 1, which, unlike the other sectors, is currently not supported by national Professional staff. The establishment of the two posts will ensure that both Greek- and Turkish-language speakers are available in each sector (A/73/738, paras. 33–34). With regard to the proposed temporary position of one P-3 Human Resources Officer, the Secretary-General indicates that its establishment would provide the necessary capacity to address deficiencies, client dissatisfaction and shortfalls registered in recent years in the area of professional development and training, recruitment and onboarding of personnel (ibid., para. 47). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that this position would also assist in addressing deficiencies identified by the oversight bodies with respect to the management and administration of medical service support, in the absence of a civilian Medical Affairs Officer, as well as the promotion of further compliance with the advance-ticket purchase policy (see para. 37 below). **The Committee recommends the approval of the two posts of Associate Civil Affairs Officer at the National Professional Officer level and the temporary position of Human Resources Officer at the P-3 level.**

24. With regard to the upward reclassification of the post of P-3 Gender Affairs Officer, the Secretary-General indicates that this proposal is based on the expansion of the responsibilities of the post to include, in addition to gender mainstreaming, ensuring the full and effective participation of women in the political peace process in Cyprus (as emphasized by the Security Council in its resolution 2430 (2018)), an area of responsibility that was not fully anticipated at the time the post was established (see A/73/738, paras. 22–23). The Advisory Committee recalls, however, that when the post was proposed for establishment during the 2017/18 budget period, the Secretary-General had already envisaged the responsibility, among others, of designing tools to guide the approach of the Force regarding the role of women in the political process, including promoting women's participation in the process of finding a durable settlement in Cyprus, in order to ensure the achievement of the goals set out

by the Council in its resolution 1325 (2000), and in subsequent resolutions on women and peace and security (A/71/763, para. 20). Furthermore, in the budget performance report for 2017/18, it is indicated that UNFICYP organized or supported over 300 formal intercommunal activities attended by representatives from women's civil society organizations and 11 meetings to improve public perceptions of the role of women in finding a sustainable political settlement (A/73/615, expected accomplishment 1.1). **The Committee is not convinced that the responsibilities of the post have significantly expanded since its establishment and recommends against the proposed upward reclassification of the P-3 Gender Affairs Officer post.**

25. As indicated in paragraph 13 above, the final phase of the reorganization of the mission support structure is proposed through the redeployment of the entire Procurement Section (1 P-4 and 7 national General Service) and two national General Service posts (1 Administrative Assistant and 1 Claims Assistants) to the Supply Chain Management Section, as well as one P-3 Administrative Officer to the Office of the Chief of Mission Support (A/73/738, paras. 24, 44–45 and 50). In addition, it is proposed that the post of Deputy Chief of Mission Support (P-5) be reassigned as Chief of the Supply Chain Management Section (P-5) to ensure the effective integration of supply chain management functions across the mission.

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

3. Operational costs

(United States dollars)

	<i>Apportioned 2018/19</i>	<i>Proposed 2019/20</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Operational costs	15 466 000	14 253 600	(1 212 400)

27. The proposed resources for operational costs for 2019/20 amount to \$14,253,600, reflecting a decrease of \$1,212,400 or 7.8 per cent compared with the appropriation for 2018/19. The Secretary-General proposes decreases under most classes of expenditure, including facilities and infrastructure (\$982,000 or 13.4 per cent), air operations (\$210,600 or 8.2 per cent), communications and information technology (\$75,300 or 4.5 per cent), other supplies, services and equipment (\$28,900 or 2.5 per cent) and official travel (\$3,500 or 1.3 per cent). The decreased requirements would be offset in part by increases under ground transportation (\$70,000 or 3.2 per cent) and consultants and consulting services (\$17,900 or 54.1 per cent).

Ground transportation

28. The proposed resources for ground transportation for 2019/20 amount to \$2,257,700, reflecting an increase of \$70,000 or 3.2 per cent, primarily attributable to the proposed acquisition of a higher number of vehicles and projected increases in the cost of repairs and maintenance, offset in part by reduced requirements primarily under the rental of vehicles.

29. The Advisory Committee was provided with information indicating that UNFICYP plans to acquire 21 vehicles, including two minibuses, to replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful economic life and an additional 19 vehicles as part of the third year of the approved five-year plan to replace leased vehicles with United Nations-owned vehicles. The Committee notes that UNFICYP vehicle ratios were

above the standard ratios for eight categories of international and military personnel. **The Committee trusts that efforts will be made to align the number of the Force's vehicles with the prescribed standard ratios and that the outcome of such an exercise will be reported in the context of the next budget.**

30. Regarding the requirements in the amount of \$419,500 for the repair and maintenance of vehicles, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon review, that the increase of 9.8 per cent compared with the appropriation for 2018/19 was due to the age of a significant portion of the UNFICYP fleet. **In view of recent and planned acquisitions of vehicles, the Committee is not convinced that increased requirements for repairs and maintenance are fully justified.**

31. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the level of resources approved for the 2018/19 period be maintained and that, consequently, a reduction in the amount of \$70,000 should be applied to the proposed requirements under ground transportation.**

Consultants

32. The proposed resources for consultants in the amount of \$51,000 reflect an increase of \$17,900, or 54.1 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2018/19. The Secretary-General indicates in his report that the increased requirements are mainly attributable to two additional consultancies, to support intercommunal activities, and a proposed consultancy service to assess the environmental conditions of the Force's facilities in line with the UNFICYP environmental plan. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the proposed consultancies would assist in implementing confidence-building measures for civil society, women and youth, enhancing intercommunal contacts and increasing the participation of civil society in the peace process through community media. The Committee considers that the related activities should be performed by the Force's personnel, particularly in the context of its enhanced liaison and engagement capacity implemented as part of the strategic review of the Force, as well as the proposed expansion of the civil affairs component for the 2019/20 period (see paras. 11 and 23 above). **The Committee recommends a reduction of 50 per cent in the additional resource requirements for consultants.**

Training

33. The proposed resources for training for the 2019/20 period amount to \$110,600 (comprising \$78,200 under official travel and \$32,400 under other supplies, services and equipment), representing an increase of \$15,200, or 15.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation of \$95,400 for the 2018/19 period ([A/73/738](#), para. 56). The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the increased requirements were attributable to a higher number of training courses and increased participation required to facilitate operational requirements. The Committee is not convinced that the increase in requirements is fully justified, given the relatively static nature of the Force's activities. **The Committee therefore recommends retention of the level of resources approved for 2018/19 and recommends a reduction of \$15,200 in proposed training resources.**

34. **Subject to its recommendations contained in paragraphs 31, 32 and 33 above, the Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for operational costs.**

4. Other matters

Gender balance

35. The Advisory Committee was provided with the following table showing a breakdown, by percentage, of UNFICYP personnel by gender. **The Committee commends UNFICYP for having achieved gender balance among its international staff and encourages the Force to make further efforts to achieve gender balance among its national staffing component.**

Civilian personnel by gender as at 30 June 2018

<i>Categories/Grade</i>	<i>Female (percentage)</i>	<i>Male (percentage)</i>
International staff		
P-5 and above	50	50
P-1–P-4	50	50
Field Service	50	50
National Professional Officer	100	–
National General Service	38	62

Environmental initiatives

36. In furtherance of the UNFICYP commitment to reducing its environmental footprint, the proposed budget includes provisions to continue the Force's ongoing investment in clean and renewable energy projects, such as the construction of photovoltaic power plants, the installation of solar powered security lights and the replacement of old power generation systems with hybrid diesel powered generators (A/73/738, para. 15). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the total supply and installation cost for the Force's investment in photovoltaic projects, amounting to \$1.7 million, has been spread over four budget periods, from 2016/17 to 2019/20, and is expected, upon completion of the projects and connection to the national grid, to yield estimated annual savings of approximately \$200,000. Among other environmental initiatives, UNFICYP will also continue to review its light passenger vehicle holdings with a view to replacing vehicles with more fuel-efficient models (ibid., para. 15). **The Committee welcomes the environmental initiatives undertaken by UNFICYP and encourages the Force to pursue greater energy efficiency gains.**

Official travel

37. The proposed resources for travel related to the mission for the 2019/20 period amount to \$256,300, representing a decrease of \$3,500, or 1.3 per cent, compared with the 2018/19 appropriation. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the compliance of UNFICYP with respect to the advance booking policy for official travel is 41.5 per cent for 2018/19, compared with its compliance rate of 28.6 per cent for 2017/18. **While acknowledging the improvements made by UNFICYP, the Committee recalls that the General Assembly, on a number of occasions, has expressed concern at the low rate of compliance with the advance purchase policy directive; the Committee reiterates that further efforts are required, particularly in areas where travel can be better planned (see also A/73/779, para. 16).**

Mine detection and mine-clearing services

38. An amount of \$320,100 is proposed to cover the services of the United Nations Mine Action Service under an agreement with United Nations Office for Project Services (A/73/738, para. 60). The projected activities include: (a) mine action planning and assessment to facilitate the continuation of demining in designated areas; (b) conducting non-technical surveys of priority sites, including sensitive cultural heritage sites in the buffer zone; (c) providing expertise and guidance on matters related to explosive hazards and ammunition management; (d) providing technical guidance to the Committee on Missing Persons on explosive hazards at burial sites; and (e) providing awareness training on mines and explosive remnants of war to UNFICYP staff. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the requirement for UNFICYP to retain technical expertise and capacity in mine detection and clearing services was highlighted in the strategic review of the Force.

V. Conclusion

39. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly regarding the financing of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 are indicated in section V of the budget performance report (A/73/615). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the unencumbered balance of \$22,200 for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, as well as other income/adjustments amounting to \$623,700 for the period ended 30 June 2018, be credited to Member States.**

40. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 are indicated in section IV of the proposed budget (A/73/738). **Taking into account its observations and recommendations above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the proposed resources be reduced by \$125,400, from \$51,410,700 to \$51,285,300. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly appropriate the amount of \$51,285,300 for the maintenance of the Force for the 12-month period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, including \$22,744,000 to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus (\$16,244,000) and the Government of Greece (\$6,500,000).**

Documentation

- Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (A/73/615)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (A/73/738)
- Financial report and audited financial statements for the 12-month period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/73/5 (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 2018 (A/73/750)

- Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and budget for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 ([A/73/776](#))
- Report of the Advisory Committee on the report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations peacekeeping operations and 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/72/850](#))
- Report of the Advisory Committee on the 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus ([A/72/789/Add.3](#))
- General Assembly resolutions [71/300](#) and [72/292](#) on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
- Security Council resolutions [2398 \(2018\)](#) and [2453 \(2019\)](#)