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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 41st meetings, on 6 May and 3 July 2019. 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 performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/73/613](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 ([A/73/733](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/73/755/Add.4](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.48](#)

4. At its 41st meeting, on 3 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo”

¹ [A/C.5/73/SR.33](#) and [A/C.5/73/SR.41](#).



([A/C.5/73/L.48](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Benin.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.48](#) 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 Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution [53/241](#) of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [72/295](#) of 5 July 2018, as well as its decision [72/558](#) of 5 July 2018,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions [1874 \(S-IV\)](#) of 27 June 1963, [3101 \(XXVIII\)](#) of 11 December 1973 and [55/235](#) of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Mindful also of the need to ensure coordination and cooperation with the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions [59/296](#) of 22 June 2005, [60/266](#) of 30 June 2006, [61/276](#) of 29 June 2007, [64/269](#) of 24 June 2010, [65/289](#) of 30 June 2011, [66/264](#) of 21 June 2012, [69/307](#) of 25 June 2015 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2019, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 35.8 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 77 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that 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 Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear

¹ [A/73/613](#) and [A/73/733](#).

² [A/73/755/Add.4](#).

additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *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;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish the D-1 Chief Legal Officer post in the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat;

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of overall budgetary performance in peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the recommendations of the relevant oversight bodies and to report thereon in the context of the performance reports in this regard;

11. *Also emphasizes* the importance of the accountability system of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen risk management and internal controls in the management of peacekeeping budgets and to report thereon in the context of his next report;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions [59/296](#), [60/266](#), [61/276](#), [64/269](#), [65/289](#), [66/264](#), [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

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

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 39,732,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, inclusive of 37,246,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 2,109,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 375,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 39,732,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [73/272](#) of 22 December 2018, taking into account the scale

³ [A/73/613](#).

of assessments for 2019 and 2020, as set out in its resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018;

17. *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 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,981,900 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,792,000 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 150,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 39,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,500,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

19. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,500,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Also decides* that the increase of 112,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2018 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 1,500,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution [1502 \(2003\)](#) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo”.