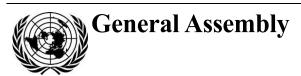
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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

- 1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
- 2. The Committee considered the item at its 35th, 36th and 40th meetings, on 6 and 7 May and 21 June 2024. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's formal 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:

Overview and cross-cutting issues

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and budget for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/78/726)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/744)

Contingent-owned equipment

Letter dated 21 August 2023 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the 2023 edition of the Manual on Policies and Procedures concerning the Reimbursement and Control of Contingent-Owned Equipment of Troop/Police Contributors Participating in Field Missions (A/78/87)

¹ A/C.5/78/SR.35, A/C.5/78/SR.36 and A/C.5/78/SR.40.





Delivery model of the United Nations Mine Action Service

Report of the Secretary-General on the summary of the findings and recommendations of the independent review of the delivery model of the United Nations Mine Action Service (A/77/747)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/77/816)

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (A/78/774)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/819)

Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on peace operations for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 (A/78/301 (Part II))

Support account for peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (A/78/638)

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/78/746)

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/78/788)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/820)

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (A/78/613)

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/78/735)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/744/Add.5)

Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (A/78/601)

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/78/722)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/744/Add.6)

Closed peacekeeping missions

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2023 (A/78/689 and A/78/689/Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/791)

Notes by the Secretary-General on financing resources for peacekeeping operations

Note by the Secretary-General on the approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (A/C.5/78/30)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/C.5/78/32)

Note by the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations, the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda (A/C.5/78/33)

Note by the Secretary-General on the approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/C.5/78/34)

4. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee took note of the notes by the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations, the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda (A/C.5/78/33) and on the approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/C.5/78/34).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.53

- 5. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/78/L.53), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Austria.
- 6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.53 without a vote (see para. 13, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.54

- 7. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda" (A/C.5/78/L.54), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Rapporteur of the Committee.
- 8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.54 without a vote (see para. 13, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.55

9. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy"

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- (A/C.5/78/L.55), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Rapporteur of the Committee.
- 10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.55 without a vote (see para. 13, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.56

- 11. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Closed peacekeeping missions" (A/C.5/78/L.56), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Egypt.
- 12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/78/L.56 without a vote (see para. 13, draft resolution IV).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

13. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, section I of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolutions 55/271 of 14 June 2001, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/279 of 29 June 2007, 62/250 of 20 June 2008, 63/287 of 30 June 2009, 64/271 of 24 June 2010, 65/290 of 30 June 2011, 66/265 of 21 June 2012, 67/287 of 28 June 2013, 68/283 of 30 June 2014, 69/308 of 25 June 2015, 70/287 of 17 June 2016, 71/295 of 30 June 2017, 72/288 of 5 July 2018, 73/308 of 3 July 2019, 74/280 of 30 June 2020, 75/293 of 30 June 2021, 76/279 of 29 June 2022, 77/304 of 30 June 2023 and its other relevant resolutions, as well as its decisions 49/469 of 23 December 1994, 50/473 of 23 December 1995, 72/558 of 5 July 2018, 73/555 of 3 July 2019 and 74/571 of 3 September 2020,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 ¹ and on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, ² the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 ³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, ⁴

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within 30 days for traditional peacekeeping operations and 90 days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- 2. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective

¹ A/78/638.

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² A/78/746.

³ A/78/788.

⁴ A/78/820.

and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

- 3. Also reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;
 - 4. Further reaffirms rule 153 of its rules of procedure;
- 5. Reaffirms that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;
- 6. Also reaffirms the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;
- 7. Further reaffirms the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant 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, 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and 76/274 of 29 June 2022, and its other relevant resolutions;
- 9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
- 10. Decides to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023;

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

12. Approves the support account requirements in the amount of 384,229,600 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, inclusive of the amount of 18,318,600 dollars under enterprise resource planning, 518,400 dollars for death and disability claims for closed peacekeeping operations, 868,500 dollars for the efficiency model for management services (previously the global service delivery model project), 3,326,800 dollars for peacekeeping capability readiness, 19,493,600 dollars for Umoja maintenance and support costs and 13,332,200 dollars for after-service health insurance costs, including 1,336 continuing posts and 2 new temporary posts, as well as the abolishment, redeployment, reassignment and reclassification of posts, 75 continuing and 4 new general temporary assistance positions and 52 person-months, as well as related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

- 13. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 shall be financed as follows:
- (a) The unencumbered balance in the amount of 3,234,100 dollars, in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (b) The total amount of 6,117,400 dollars, comprising investment revenue of 4,065,200 dollars, other miscellaneous revenue of 269,000 dollars and cancellation of prior-period obligations of 1,783,200 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (c) The amount of 4,839,200 dollars, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (d) The balance of 370,038,900 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (e) The net estimated staff assessment income of 30,163,300 dollars, comprising the amount of 29,083,900 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and the increase of 1,079,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (d) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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Draft resolution II Financing of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 69/307 of 25 June 2015 concerning the financing of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 77/306 of 30 June 2023,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Regional Service Centre¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

- 1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 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, 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and 76/274 of 29 June 2022, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of their relevant provisions;
 - 2. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General;
- 3. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
- 4. *Acknowledges* the support of the Government of Uganda in facilitating the work of the United Nations at the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;
- 5. Decides to establish two posts of Planning Officer (P-4) earmarked for seconded active-duty military officers for the Department of Peace Operations;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

6. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

7. Approves the amount of 48,004,100 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;

Financing of the budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

- 8. *Decides* that the requirements for the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 shall be financed as follows:
- (a) The unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,914,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (b) The amount of 43,790,600 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active client peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;

¹ A/78/601 and A/78/722.

² A/78/744/Add.6.

³ A/78/601.

- (c) The amount of 2,298,800 dollars, with respect to the share of client special political missions, to be funded under section 3, Political affairs, as may be approved by the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2025;
- (d) The estimated staff assessment income of 5,179,100 dollars, comprising the amount of 4,823,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and the increase of 355,600 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active client peacekeeping operations;
- 9. *Also decides* to consider at its seventy-ninth session the question of the financing of the Regional Service Centre.

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Draft resolution III Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and its resolution 62/231 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 77/305 of 30 June 2023,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 77/305,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

- 1. Notes with appreciation the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and by the Government of Spain to the secondary active telecommunications facility in Valencia, Spain;
- 2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant 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, 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and 76/274 of 29 June 2022, as well as other relevant resolutions;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

5. Approves the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 67,935,300 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;

Financing of the budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

6. Decides that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 shall be financed as follows:

¹ A/78/613 and A/78/735.

² A/78/744/Add.5.

³ A/78/613.

- (a) The unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 3,346,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (b) The balance of 64,589,200 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025;
- (c) The estimated staff assessment income of 5,890,000 dollars, comprising the amount of 6,569,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and the decrease of 679,300 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;
- 7. Also decides to consider at its seventy-ninth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

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Draft resolution IV Closed peacekeeping missions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 76/280 of 29 June 2022,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2023¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
- 2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

 $^{^{1}\,}$ A/78/689 and A/78/689/Corr.1.

² A/78/791.