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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

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 “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 40th meetings, on 6 May and 21 June 2024. 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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 ([A/78/592](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 ([A/78/719](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/78/744/Add.2](#)).

¹ [A/C.5/78/SR.35](#) and [A/C.5/78/SR.40](#).



II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.45](#)

4. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus” ([A/C.5/78/L.45](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/78/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 Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2723 (2024) of 30 January 2024, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 January 2025,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 77/308 of 30 June 2023,

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,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,³

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

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, 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and 76/274 of 29 June 2022, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2024, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19 million United States dollars, representing some 2.3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 100 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;

¹ A/78/592 and A/78/719.

² A/78/744/Add.2.

³ S/1994/647.

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 Force 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 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, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *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](#), [70/286](#) and [76/274](#);

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

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 Force for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023;⁴

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

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the special account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 61,252,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, inclusive of 56,436,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 4,101,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 715,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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

13. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 19,429,967 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 17,661,466 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2024, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [76/239](#) of 24 December 2021, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2024, as set out in its resolution [76/238](#) of 24 December 2021;

15. *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 14 above, their respective share in the Tax

⁴ [A/78/592](#).

Equalization Fund of 1,481,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,281,700 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 167,150 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 32,650 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,943,578 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 January 2025, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2025 and the updated levels;⁵

17. *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 246,917 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 213,617 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 27,858 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 5,442 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 14,717,889 dollars for the period from 1 February to 30 June 2025, at a monthly rate of 2,943,578 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2025 and the updated levels, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

19. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,234,583 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,068,083 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 139,292 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 27,208 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 14, 16 and 18 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,259,112 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 76/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2023, as set out in its resolution 76/238;

21. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,259,112 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Further decides* that the decrease of 133,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 1,259,112 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

23. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2023, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 765,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

⁵ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

24. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2023, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 272,088 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

25. *Further decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

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

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force 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;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus”.
