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Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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 Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” 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 Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 ([A/78/640](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 ([A/78/741](#));

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/78/744/Add.9](#)).

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



II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.46](#)

4. At its 40th meeting, on 21 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” ([A/C.5/78/L.46](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Uruguay.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.46](#) 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 Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1925 \(2010\)](#) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided that, as from 1 July 2010, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo would bear the title “United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, and recalling also the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution [2717 \(2023\)](#) of 19 December 2023, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 20 December 2024,

Recalling also its resolution [54/260 A](#) of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [77/309](#) of 30 June 2023,

Recalling further its resolution [58/315](#) of 1 July 2004,

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 Mission,

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,

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 Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2024, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 407.0 million United States dollars, representing some 1.6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 101 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/78/640](#) and [A/78/741](#).

² [A/78/744/Add.9](#).

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 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, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Notes* the extensive mandate of the Mission for the protection of civilians, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to deploy, within its mandate, its special units, with the aim of effectively implementing the mandate;

10. *Also notes* the abolishment of a large number of national posts in South Kivu due to the Mission's withdrawal, and requests the Secretary-General to assist national staff in their transition to future professional careers, including through employment in vacant positions in the Mission and by collaborating with the United Nations country team, as well as with other international agencies present in the country;

11. *Further notes* the complex environment in which the Mission operates, and encourages the Secretary-General, to continue to strengthen his engagement and liaison with relevant regional and subregional organizations, and to ensure coherence and coordination with the Mission in compliance with the Mission's mandate;

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

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 2022 to 30 June 2023

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission 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

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the special account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 994,544,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025,

³ [A/78/640](#).

inclusive of 907,983,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 65,980,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 11,516,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 9,064,200 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

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

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 467,544,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 20 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;

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 14,836,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 11,310,700 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,528,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 493,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 504,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 29,728,200 dollars for the period from 21 to 31 December 2024, at a monthly rate of 82,878,700 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [76/239](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2024, as set out in its resolution [76/238](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

19. *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 943,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 719,200 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 160,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 31,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 32,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

20. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 497,272,200 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2025, at a monthly rate of 82,878,700 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2025 and the updated levels,⁴ subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

21. *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 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 15,780,100 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 12,029,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,689,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 525,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 536,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

⁴ To be adopted by the General Assembly.

22. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 16, 18 and 20 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 55,662,100 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](#);

23. *Also 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 55,662,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2023, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. *Further decides* that the decrease of 560,100 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 55,662,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

25. *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;

26. *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;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”.
