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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd and 37th meetings, on 10 October and 22 December 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.3 and 37).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 55/235 and 55/236 (A/61/139 and Corr.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.26

4. At its 37th meeting, on 22 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/61/L.26), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.26 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:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/235 and 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 58/256 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also its request to the Secretary-General in its resolution 55/235 to update the composition of the levels of contribution of Member States for peacekeeping operations described therein on a triennial basis, in conjunction with the regular budget scale of assessment reviews, in accordance with the criteria established in the resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly,

Recalling further its request to the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the updating of the composition of levels of contribution for peacekeeping operations for the period from 2007 to 2009, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 55/235,

Recalling its decision, in paragraph 16 of its resolution 55/235, to review the structure of levels of contribution for peacekeeping operations after nine years,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of its resolutions 55/235 and 55/236,¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹

2. *Endorses* the updated composition of levels to be applied in adjusting regular budget scale rates to establish Member States' rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations for the period from 2007 to 2009;²

3. *Decides* that Montenegro and Serbia should both be assigned to level I for 2006;

4. *Also decides* to review the structure of levels of contribution for peacekeeping operations at its sixty-fourth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on the updating of the composition of levels of contribution for peacekeeping operations for the period from 2010 to 2012 in the light of the Assembly's decision to review the structure of levels.

¹ A/61/139 and Corr.1.

² Ibid., annex II.