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Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 75th plenary meeting, on 20 February 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 38th and 39th meetings, on 25 and 27 March 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.38 and 39).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/63/758) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/780).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.38

4. At its 39th meeting, on 27 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)” (A/C.5/63/L.38), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sweden and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.38 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 activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support for the African Union Mission in Somalia¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, in which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to the Council's further decision by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the African Union Mission in Somalia to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the African Union Mission in Somalia, including equipment and services,

Recognizing that the costs of this support to the African Union Mission in Somalia are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that in its resolution 1863 (2009), the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on a United Nations peacekeeping operation by 15 April 2009,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the logistical support package;
2. *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;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency with regard to the use of United Nations resources, bearing in mind the specific nature of the support package;

Estimates for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2009

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the support provided to the African Union Mission in Somalia, for the purpose of accounting for the income received and the expenditure incurred;

¹ A/63/758.

² A/63/780.

5. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 77,790,900 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50,000,000 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, which comprises the amount of 2,149,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the amount of 47,851,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

Financing of the commitment authority

6. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,149,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

7. *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 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 290,387 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008;

8. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 69,338,401 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

9. *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 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 239,250 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009;

10. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 6,303,499 dollars for the period from 1 to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate;

11. *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 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 21,750 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 to 30 June 2009, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate;

12. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

13. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".