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*Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative  
and Budgetary Questions:* Mr. Kelapile

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.*

**Agenda item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad**  
(A/65/487 and A/65/549)

1. **Mr. Yamazaki** (Controller), introducing the budget for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/65/487), recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 64/286, had approved commitment authority in the amount of \$215 million for the financing of MINURCAT for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2010 and had decided to assess Member States in the amount of \$184,949,000. The proposed budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 amounted to \$239,096,600, representing a decrease of \$451.7 million, or 65.4 per cent, compared to the approved resources for 2009/10.

2. The proposed budget provided for the average monthly deployment of 23 military observers, 1,909 military contingent personnel, 117 United Nations police officers, 356 international staff, 546 national staff, 119 United Nations Volunteers, 18 Government-provided personnel and 2 temporary positions for the maintenance period from 1 July to 31 December 2010. For the liquidation period from 1 January to 30 April 2011, it provided for the deployment of 118 international staff, 153 national staff and 32 United Nations Volunteers. Reduced requirements across the board reflected the gradual drawdown and subsequent liquidation of the Mission, and were partly offset by increased requirements for national staff costs owing to the payment of termination indemnities. The General Assembly was invited to take the actions set out in paragraph 68 of the budget report.

3. **Mr. Kelapile** (Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/65/549), said that the Advisory Committee recommended that the Assembly should appropriate an amount of \$239,096,600 for the maintenance and liquidation of the Mission. The Advisory Committee was of the opinion that no new assessment was required, since the cash available as at 1 October 2010 should be sufficient to meet projected requirements. Final requirements should be reported in the context of the performance report. The Advisory Committee also urged the Secretary-General to reduce

operational expenditure to the extent possible in the light of the impending closure of the Mission.

4. **Mr. Coffi** (Côte d'Ivoire), speaking on behalf of the Group of African States, said that the Group wished to have clarification of the implications of the Advisory Committee's opinion that a further assessment was not required. It also wished to have further information on the options that had been explored before it had been determined that consultancy services were required to perform certain tasks deemed to have a technical dimension.

5. **Mr. Kelapile** (Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that, as mentioned in paragraph 25 of the Advisory Committee's report (A/65/549), the details of the Mission's cash position had been provided as at the date on which the Advisory Committee had taken up the Secretary-General's report (A/65/487). The issue could be explored further during the informal consultations on the item.

**Agenda item 129: Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011** (*continued*)

*Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families*  
(A/65/85 and A/65/541)

6. **Ms. Van Buerle** (Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division), introducing the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates arising in relation to the expansion of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/65/85), said that the additional resource requirements resulted from the Committee's expansion from 10 to 14 members in accordance with article 72 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. The additional requirements for the increased membership and for attendance of the new members at the Committee's biannual sessions in 2010-2011, were conservatively estimated at \$122,000. Those requirements would be met within the overall approved appropriations under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. For the biennium 2012-2013, the estimated additional requirements of \$135,400 would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the

biennium. The Assembly was requested to take note of the report.

7. **Mr. Kelapile** (Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/65/541), said that the Advisory Committee agreed with the proposals to absorb the additional requirements for the current biennium within the overall appropriation for section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and to consider the requirements for the subsequent biennium in the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

*The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.*