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Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 29th and 35th meetings, on 8 May and 27 June 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/67/SR.29 and 35).

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 Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/67/610 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (A/67/716);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/780/Add.17).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.43

4. At its 35th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan” (A/C.5/67/L.43),



submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the United Arab Emirates.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.43 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 Mission in South Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 1996 (2011) of 8 July 2011, by which the Council established, as of 9 July 2011, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for an initial period of one year with the intention to renew for further periods as might be required, and resolution 2057 (2012) of 5 July 2012, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 July 2013,

Recalling also its resolutions 66/243 A of 24 December 2011 and 66/243 B of 21 June 2012 on the financing of the Mission,

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,

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 resolution 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 and 66/264 of 21 June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan as at 30 April 2013, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 89.0 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 54 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;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which 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

¹ A/67/610 and Corr.1 and A/67/716.

² A/67/780/Add.17.

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,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that close cooperation and coordination are maintained between the Mission and the United Nations country team and to include in his future performance reports an update on jointly implemented activities and progress achieved;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made to improve the budget presentation and in particular the clarity of the elements of results-based budgeting, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that all construction projects, in particular county support bases, are completed in a timely manner for the effective implementation of the mandate of the Mission and that Headquarters continues to provide oversight;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 77 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission closely monitors the progress of the deployment of the riverine unit and the timely and effective deployment of the Mission to the state and county levels;

13. *Decides* not to abolish:

(a) In the Recovery, Reintegration and Peacebuilding Section: three temporary positions (one Recovery, Return and Reintegration Officer (P-3) and two Programme Officers (P-3)) and one post of Reintegration Officer (National Professional Officer);

(b) In the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section: one post of Mobile Team Leader (P-4);

(c) In the HIV/AIDS Unit: one post of Training Officer (National Professional Officer);

(d) In the Child Protection Unit: one P-3 post;

14. *Also decides* to establish five United Nations Volunteer positions of Child Protection Officer;

15. *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 and 66/264;

16. *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 2011 to 30 June 2012

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan the amount of 976,627,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, inclusive of 924,426,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 43,752,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 8,448,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

19. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 39,380,137 dollars for the period from 1 to 15 July 2013 in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

20. *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 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 956,629 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 798,714 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 127,359 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 30,556 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 937,247,263 dollars for the period from 16 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 at a monthly rate of 81,385,617 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2013 and 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

22. *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 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,767,771 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 19,009,386 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,031,141 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 727,244 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

³ A/67/610 and Corr.1.

23. *Also 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 paragraph 19 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,352,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249, taking also into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248;

24. *Further 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 income in the amount of 2,352,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 23 above;

25. *Decides* that the increase of 5,095,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 2,352,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 23 and 24 above;

26. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

27. *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;

28. *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;

29. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan".
