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Fifth Committee – Administrative and Budgetary Committee

This group focuses on the organization of the UN and paying for what the UN does. The members of this committee have to look at everything. They plan construction projects, create rules for UN employees and make sure there is enough money to pay for everything.

The general budget for the UN in 2016-2017 is US\$5.4 billion. All the members of the UN must pay a percentage of how much money they make as a country. The US pays the most. They provide 22% of the regular UN budget. The next four countries are Japan, China, Germany and France. The budget for Peacekeeping is separate from the regular budget. It is US\$8.27 billion. The permanent members of the Security Council pay extra for Peacekeeping. They pay extra because they are the ones that decide if a Peacekeeping mission will happen.

This group meets much more than the other committees. They get together from September to December and also in March. In May they get together and just discuss the finances of UN Peacekeeping missions.

Agenda Item 161, 157 and 158 – Financing Peacekeeping Missions

Background

Peacekeeping is the practice of trying to create peace. It occurs in an area with war or conflict. After World War II the world community made the UN “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.” UN Peacekeeping works to stop wars.

The first UN Peacekeeping Mission was in 1948. A team of observers went to the Middle East after the Arab-Israeli War. Their job was to make sure both sides were following the truce. This Peacekeeping Mission is still going on. Since then there have been 70 more Missions.

When there is trouble in the world the UN monitors it. They see if a Peacekeeping can improve the situation. Then, the Security Council will pass a Resolution asking for a Peacekeeping Operation to begin. The UN does not have soldiers. The force is made up of soldiers that states volunteer. Most Peacekeeping Operations get the consent from the states or groups involved. That way there is more chance of success.

There has been more Peacekeeping in the last 20 years. There have been 56 since 1988. This is not because there is more conflict. It is because more states can agree Peacekeeping is helpful.

However, Peacekeeping is expensive. The least expensive mission costs US\$20 million. The most expensive costs US\$1.3 billion. The total budget for one year is US\$8.27 billion. Still, this is less than 1% of how much all the countries in the world spend on their militaries in one year.

Task

The Security Council has just informed Fifth Committee that they are planning on passing a resolution which will start a new Peacekeeping Mission. But, there is a problem. The budget for the new mission needs to come out of the existing budget.

Fifth Committee decided that the following missions will be reduced in order to create the amount needed: UNIFIL, MINUSTAH and UNMIK. The total budget for these missions is now US\$926 733 100. You will need to take US\$90 million from these budgets in order to create the new mission.

Your country needs to research these missions and figure how the missions need to change in order to get the US\$90 million needed. You will need to negotiate and discuss with the other country representatives in order to fix this problem.

UNIFIL

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

This Mission started in 1978 to help Lebanon get control over the area of Southern Lebanon and confirm Israeli forces were leaving the area. This conflict started during the 1970s when armed Palestinian groups were attacking Israel from Lebanon. Although the Lebanese government was not responsible they could not stop the groups. Israel responded by invading Lebanon and occupying the south. In 2000, Israel moved all its soldiers out of Lebanon and UNIFIL stayed in the area to monitor the ceasefire. In 2006, more violence occurred. Hizbollah shot rockets into Israel, crossed the Israeli-Lebanese border and killed Israeli soldiers. UNIFIL's role is to help Lebanon and Israel find a solution to keep violence from happening again.

By the Numbers...

Troops – 10 506

International Staff – 257

Local Staff – 591

❖ 312 personnel have died in the line of duty.

MINUSTAH

United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

This Mission Started in 2004 after an armed conflict forced the president to leave the country. Then, an earthquake in 2010 killed 220 000 people. The UN increased the number of soldiers and asked the Mission to help the country recover. Then a cholera outbreak happened in October 2010. It has killed 8 231 Haitians and has spread to many countries. Sadly, it was a UN base was that was responsible and many people lost faith in the UN. Presidential elections were held in 2011 which was a positive step for Haiti. The goal of the Mission is to help the government improve the rule-of-law, and protect human rights.

By the Numbers...

Troops – 2 338

Police – 2 360

International Staff – 304

Local Staff – 941

UN Volunteers – 95

❖ 183 personnel have died in the line of duty.

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

This Mission started in June 1999 when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was fighting the Kosovo Liberation Army. Kosovo wanted to be an independent country by FR Yugoslavia did not want to let it go. At the beginning the Mission was responsible for being the entire government of Kosovo. Finally, Kosovo declared independence in 2008 but they still need help to improve the country. The goal of the mission is to promote security, stability and human rights.

By the Numbers...*Military Observers – 8**Police – 8**International Staff – 109**Local Staff – 219**UN Volunteers – 24*

❖ 55 personnel have died in the line of duty.

Peacekeeping Costs

	UNIFIL	MINUSTAH	UNMIK
Military and Police Personnel Costs	\$334 170 300	\$173 623 600	\$673 200
Civilian Personnel Costs	\$93 896 000	\$107 775 600	\$31 908 400
Consultants	-	\$1 777 000	\$197 300
Official Travel	\$971 000	\$3 542 000	\$326 000
Facilities and Infrastructure	\$18 161 300	\$42 844 600	\$2 408 400
Ground Transportation	\$5 411 900	\$6 743 100	\$280 000
Air Transportation	\$4 775 100	\$11 918 900	-
Naval Transportation	\$31 749 700	\$310 100	-
Communications	\$6 796 400	\$9 317 300	\$1 324 900
Information Technology	\$4 798 500	\$6 934 400	\$1 758 400
Medical	\$1 259 600	\$1 587 300	\$50 200
Other Supplies, Services and Equipment	\$3 856 600	\$9 981 800	\$690 200
Quick-impact Projects	\$500 000	\$4 000 000	\$414 000
Total	\$506 346 400	\$380 355 700	\$40 031 000

Guiding Questions

1. Research the history of Peacekeeping. How has your country been involved? How have the countries around you been involved?
2. Look at the three Peacekeeping Missions. Is your country involved in any of them? Do you think your country has an interest in the success of these Missions? Why or why not?
3. Research UNIFIL. What has been successful? What still needs to happen for the Mission to succeed?
4. Research MINUSTAH. What has been successful? What still needs to happen for the Mission to succeed?
5. Research UNMIK. What has been successful? What still needs to happen for the Mission to succeed?
6. Do you think that the goals of any of the Missions should change?
7. Your committee needs to find US\$90 million. Is there any way to save money by having countries work better together? Look at the chart on page 3. How can any of these costs be reduced? What is less necessary for the Mission to be successful?

Resources

Title	Hyperlink	How is it helpful?
<i>United Nations Peacekeeping</i>	http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/	Main site from the UN about Peacekeeping.
<i>Peacekeeping Issues</i>	http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/issues/	Gives information about all the challenges Peacekeepers face.
<i>Providing For Peacekeeping</i>	http://www.providingforpeacekeeping.org/	Website that has a lot of data on how countries are involved in peacekeeping.
<i>Resources for Peacekeeping Operations.</i>	http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/C.5/69/24	UN document showing the full budget for all UN Peacekeeping Missions.
<i>Reform of Peacekeeping</i>	http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/reform.shtml	Explains what the UN wants to do differently to improve Peacekeeping.
<i>UN Peacekeepers Pay Dispute is Resolved</i>	http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/04/world/un-peacekeepers-pay-dispute-is-resolved.html?_r=0	New York Times article about how much Peacekeepers are paid.
<i>UNIFIL</i>	http://unifil.unmissions.org/	Official site for the UNIFIL Mission.
<i>MINUSTAH</i>	http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/minustah/	UN site with information on MINUSTAH.
<i>UNMIK</i>	http://www.unmikonline.org/pages/default.aspx	Official site for the UNMIK Mission.