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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 150, 153 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 a lot 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\$37 million. The most expensive costs US\$1.1 billion. The total budget for 2017-2018 is US\$6.8 billion. Still, this is less than 1% of how much all the countries in the world spend on their militaries in one year.

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: UNISFA, UNFICYP and UNMIL. The total budget for these missions is now US\$430 700 000. You will need to take US\$100 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\$100 million needed. You will need to negotiate and discuss with the other country representatives in order to fix this problem.

United Nations Interim Force for Abyei

This Mission started in 2011. Abyei is an area that borders South Sudan and Sudan. It has problems with violence and people being forced to leave the area. A few weeks before the Security Council sent the peacekeeping force, over 100 000 people had to escape from their homes because of violence. The violence is due to civil war that happened between Sudan and what is now South Sudan. Although, there is now a peace agreement, the main problem is that both Sudan and South Sudan claim the area. It also has a lot of resources which both sides would like to control. The peacekeepers in this area are from Ethiopia which is also one of the countries that helped develop the peace plan. The peacekeepers are asked to protect civilians and humanitarian workers in the area. The population of the Abyei region is approximately 125 000 people.

By the Numbers...

<i>Troops – 4 289</i>	<i>Military Observers – 118</i>	<i>Staff Officers – 105</i>
<i>Staff – 204</i>	<i>Volunteers – 29</i>	<i>Police – 24</i>

❖ 22 personnel have died in the line of duty.

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

This Mission started in 1964 to stop the fighting between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities. Both sides felt they were being treated unfairly in the government. Some Greeks wanted Cyprus to unite with Greece. Some Turkish people wanted the same thing but with Turkey. In 1974, a coup d'état by Greek Cypriots took over the government. Turkey invaded in response and took control of the northern part of the island. There is now an informal ceasefire. There is no peace agreement. This makes things very difficult for UNICYP because there is no agreement about what is and what is not allowed. They also monitor a buffer zone which covers 3% of the island and goes through valuable agricultural land.

By the Numbers...

<i>Troops – 835</i>	<i>Police – 69</i>	<i>Staff Officers - 52</i>
<i>International Staff – 36</i>	<i>Local Staff – 118</i>	

❖ 183 personnel have died in the line of duty.

United Nations Mission in Liberia

This Mission started in September 2003. After a peace agreement was signed, UNMIL came into the country to help maintain the peace. Things have improved ever since. In 2016, they went from 1 240 military personnel to 404. The Mission will be closing soon. However, it is important this is done slowly to continue and protect the work the UN has accomplished. How can the goals of the Mission be maintained? How much money is needed for projects to keep the peace? UNMIL will end, but what will replace it?

By the Numbers...*Troops – 404**Military Observers – 13**Staff Officers – 16**Staff – 746**Volunteers – 134**Police – 309*

❖ 200 personnel have died in the line of duty.

Peacekeeping Costs

	UNISFA	UNFICYP	UNMIL
Military and Police Personnel Costs	150 688 700	23 956 400	22 433 900
Civilian Personnel Costs	28 366 600	13 124 000	54 817 900
Consultants	154 700	40 100	108 000
Official Travel	1 072 800	259 800	818 800
Facilities and Infrastructure	25 221 500	7 702 400	9 786 274
Ground Transportation	1 688 000	2 653 900	844 372
Air Operations	23 843 000	2 450 900	5 890 100
Naval Transportation	669 000	-	-
Communications	4 576 800	793 300	2 950 712
Information Technology	3 786 400	930 800	1 730 000
Medical	308 00	443 400	293 900
Other Supplies, Services and Equipment	25 824 500	1 645 000	8 326 043
Quick-impact Projects	500 000	-	2 000 000
Total	266 700 000	54 000 000	110 000 000

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 UNISFA. What has been successful? What still needs to happen for the Mission to succeed?
4. Research UNFICYP. What has been successful? What still needs to happen for the Mission to succeed?
5. Research UNMIL. 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\$100 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?
8. Does the problem exist in your community?
9. Who is working on it? NGOs, not for profits, other groups or individuals?
10. Knowing about this problem, how does it impact your world view?
11. How could you make an impact on this issue through your life choices?

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://undocs.org/a/c.5/71/24	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>UNIMIL</i>	https://unmil.unmissions.org/	Official site for the UNMIL Mission.
<i>UNFICYP</i>	https://unficyp.unmissions.org/	UN site with information on UNFICYP.
<i>UNISFA</i>	https://unisfa.unmissions.org/	Official site for the UNISFA Mission.



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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 30 June 2017

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/71/945)]

71/298. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General and the note by the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei¹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1990 \(2011\)](#) of 27 June 2011, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for a period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution [2352 \(2017\)](#) of 15 May 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 November 2017,

Recalling also its resolution [66/241 A](#) of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [70/269](#) of 17 June 2016,

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 Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions 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, [66/264](#) of 21 June 2012, [69/307](#) of 25 June 2015 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

¹ [A/71/624](#), [A/71/767](#) and [A/71/876](#).

² [A/71/836/Add.13](#) and [A/71/913](#).



2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 16.2 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 95 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 that 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 Force 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 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 reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *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](#), [66/264](#), [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;³

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 11,300,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, in addition to the amount of 268,624,600 dollars already appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Force under the terms of its resolution [70/269](#);

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei the amount of 285,118,600 dollars for the period

³ [A/71/624](#).

from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 266,700,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 13,487,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 3,372,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 1,558,300 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 106,919,475 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 November 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

15. *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 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,470,188 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 877,688 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 441,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 97,125 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 54,150 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 178,199,125 dollars for the period from 16 November 2017 to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 23,759,883 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *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 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,450,312 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,462,812 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 735,375 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 161,875 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 90,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 32,253,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#);

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 32,253,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the decrease of 34,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 32,253,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

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

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution [1502 \(2003\)](#) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force 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;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei”.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 30 June 2017

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/71/947)]

71/300. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2338 (2017) of 26 January 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 July 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/273 of 17 June 2016,

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,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,³

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

¹ A/71/580 and A/71/763.

² A/71/836/Add.3.

³ S/1994/647.



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, [66/264](#) of 21 June 2012, [69/307](#) of 25 June 2015 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 16.3 million United States dollars, representing some 2.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 67 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 that 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 Force 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 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 and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions [59/296](#), [60/266](#), [61/276](#), [64/269](#), [65/289](#), [66/264](#), [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁴

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 57,413,800 dollars for the period from

⁴ [A/71/580](#).

1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 54,000,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,730,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 682,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 18,308,433 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,717,114 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

15. *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 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 207,375 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 183,158 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 19,850 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 4,367 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 29,888,253 dollars for the period from 1 August 2017 to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 2,717,114 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#), subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *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 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,281,125 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,014,742 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 218,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 48,033 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 14 and 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 4,029,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#);

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 4,029,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 72,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be

added to the credits in the amount of 4,029,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2016, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,343,233 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

22. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2016, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 495,759 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

23. *Decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

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

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution [1502 \(2003\)](#) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force 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;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/71/951)]

71/304. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia,¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution [1497 \(2003\)](#) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution [1509 \(2003\)](#) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution [2333 \(2016\)](#) of 23 December 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period until 30 March 2018 and requested the Secretary-General to complete by 30 April 2018 the withdrawal of all uniformed and civilian components, other than those required to complete the liquidation of the Mission,

Recalling further its resolution [58/315](#) of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution [58/261 A](#) of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution [70/278](#) of 17 June 2016,

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,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

¹ [A/71/645](#) and [A/71/847](#).

² [A/71/836/Add.16](#).



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 resolutions 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, [66/264](#) of 21 June 2012, [69/307](#) of 25 June 2015 and [70/286](#) of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Liberia as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 51,811,360 United States dollars, representing some 0.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 76 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 that 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 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. *Decides* to abolish one post (P-3 Human Rights Officer);

10. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of its resolution [70/286](#) and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to fully comply with the relevant rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the United Nations environmental and waste management policy and procedures, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission takes effective measures to reduce its environmental footprint during its closure, including the restoration of premises to their original status, as appropriate, while absorbing the associated costs;

11. *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](#), [66/264](#), [69/307](#) and [70/286](#);

12. *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 2015 to 30 June 2016

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 116,954,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 110,000,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 5,563,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,391,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 116,954,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#) of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

16. *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 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 5,268,300 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,676,200 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 485,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 106,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Further 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 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 47,715,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution [70/246](#), taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#);

18. *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 revenue in the amount of 47,715,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Also decides* that the increase of 308,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 47,715,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

³ [A/71/645](#).

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;
21. *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;
22. *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;
23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia”.

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