

**Agenda Item 152****Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo****FIFTH COMMITTEE****STATEMENT BY THE  
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, OPPBA****15 November 2011**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce under agenda item 152 the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/375).

**Financing arrangement for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/375):**

- It is recalled that by its resolution 65/296 of 30 June 2011, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$1,416.9 million for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 for the maintenance of the Mission. Pending completion of the detailed planning stage for the electoral process, the approved budget only covered resource requirements related to the staffing of the Electoral Assistance Division and for the initial estimated requirements for the movement of electoral materials for the national elections in the amount of \$3,420,000.
- The Security Council, by its resolution 1991 (2011) of 28 June 2011, decided to extend the mandate of MONUSCO until 30 June 2012. By the same resolution, the Council decided that MONUSCO shall support the organization and conduct of national, provincial and local elections, through the provision of technical and logistical support as requested by the Congolese authorities.
- Based on the electoral calendar and in response to the request by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, additional resources in the amount of \$74,560,100 would be required for logistical support for the elections scheduled in November 2011 and March 2012.

- Accordingly, the total requirements for MONUSCO for the 2011/12 period are now estimated at \$1,491.5 million compared with the amount of \$1,416.9 million appropriated for the maintenance of MONUSCO under the terms of General Assembly resolution 65/296.
- The requested additional resources would provide for the establishment of warehouses (\$0.5 million), deployment of additional aircraft for the distribution of electoral materials as well as the transportation of electoral officials and observers (\$62.6 million), and for commercial freight charges for the transportation and distribution of electoral materials (\$11.5 million) to main- and sub- electoral hubs throughout the country;

**Actions to be taken by the General Assembly**

- The actions requested from the General Assembly are set out in **paragraph 12** of the note by the Secretary-General.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.