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### **Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's reports under the agenda items that are scheduled for discussion today.

***Agenda Item 148***

***Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT)***

Budget performance report

The budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/646.

By its resolution 65/254 A of 24 December 2010, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$239.1 million for the maintenance and administrative liquidation of the Mission for the financial period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$236.3 million. This resulted in an unspent balance of \$2.8 million, representing a resource utilization rate of 98.8%. The unutilized balance is attributable to lower expenditures under operational costs primarily due to lower expenditures for the generator and vehicle fuel arising from lower actual generator fuel consumption and the earlier than planned return of vehicles to the Mission's storage facilities, and lower requirements for air operations which stemmed from the earlier than planned de-positioning of aircraft. The unutilized balances were partly offset by higher requirements for international staff costs and repatriation of military contingents.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of MINURCAT is set out in paragraph 60 of the budget performance report (A/66/646).

## ***Agenda Item 155***

### ***Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)***

#### **Final performance report**

The final performance report for the Mission, providing information on the assets, outstanding liabilities and fund balance as at 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/560.

As at 30 June 2011, net cash available in the special account for UNMEE amounted to \$8.9 million, representing the difference between cash assets in the amount of \$13.6 million and total liabilities in the amount of \$4.7 million.

Since the inception of the Mission in 2000 until 30 June 2011, income to UNMEE amounted to \$1,555.6 million, inclusive of \$1,530.8 million in assessed contributions, \$19.1 million in interest income and \$5.7 million in other income. Expenditure for the Mission during the same period totaled \$1,406.7 million, partially offset by \$62.1 million in cancellation of prior-period obligations, resulting in net expenditure of \$1,344.6 million. Thus, the overall unencumbered balance amounted to \$211.0 million, of which \$200.0 million was credited to Member States, resulting in a fund balance of \$11.0 million.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of UNMEE is set out in paragraph 7 of the final performance report (A/66/560).

## ***Agenda Item 156***

### ***Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)***

#### **Final disposition of assets report**

The final disposition of assets report for the Mission is contained in document A/66/569.

The disposition of the assets of UNOMIG with the total inventory value as at 1 July 2009 of \$22.7 million has been undertaken in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulation 5.14. The inventory comprised the following three groups of equipment:

- Group I: equipment transferred to other missions or for temporary storage at UNLB with an inventory value of \$10.7 million;
- Group II: equipment disposed of in the mission area consisting of equipment sold with an inventory value of \$3.0 million, or a sales value of \$0.4 million, and equipment transferred to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Georgia with an inventory value of \$3.7 million;
- Group III: equipment written-off/lost with an inventory value of \$5.3 million and residual value of \$1.7 million.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of UNOMIG are set out in paragraph 9 of the final disposition of assets report (A/66/569), whereby the General Assembly is requested to take note of the report.

## ***Agenda Item 162***

### ***Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS)***

#### **Budget performance report**

The budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/608.

By its resolution 64/283 of 24 June 2011, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$938.0 million for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. In his note of 14 October 2010 on the financing arrangements for UNMIS (A/65/509), the Secretary-General requested additional funding for the Mission for the same period to support the referendums in the Sudan. By its resolution 65/257 of 24 December 2010, the Assembly appropriated the amount of \$70.0 million for the Mission, in addition to the amount already appropriated under the terms of its resolution 64/283, bringing the total appropriation for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 to \$1,008.0 million.

Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$998.8 million. This resulted in an unspent balance of \$9.2 million, representing a resource utilization rate of 99.1%. The unutilized balance is attributable to lower requirements for military contingents mainly due to lower actual expenditure for the emplacement, rotation and repatriation of contingents, and lower cost of rations combined with the use of available rations stocks; as well as reduced expenditure related to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration activities due to the challenges experienced in implementation of the programme.

Lower expenditures were offset by higher requirements for international and national staff due to lower actual vacancy rates, increase in the salary scales for national staff and payment of termination indemnities due to the administrative drawdown and liquidation of the Mission; as well as increased requirements for air transportation.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of UNMIS is set out in paragraph 44 of the budget performance report (A/66/608).

## ***Agenda Item 154***

### ***Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)***

#### Budget performance report

The budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/609.

By its resolution 64/276 of 24 June 2010, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$206.3 million for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$190.1 million. This resulted in an unspent balance of \$16.2 million, representing a resource utilization rate of 92.2%. The unutilized balance is primarily attributable to lower expenditures with respect to police personnel due to deployment delays, reduced rotation costs and non-utilization of provisions for freight; lower actual common staff costs for international staff and reduced requirements for United Nations Volunteers, as well as reduced requirements under operational costs, mainly due to the utilization of existing equipment inventories, stocks and supplies as opposed to new acquisitions.

#### Proposed budget report

The proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 is contained in document A/66/711. Pending the submission by the Secretary-General by 15 October 2012 at the latest of his recommendations to the Security Council on the completion of UNMIT's mandate, as requested by the Council in its resolution 2037 (2012), the proposed 2012/13 budget provides for the maintenance of the authorized United Nations police and formed police strength. The budget amounts to \$160.2 million, which represents a reduction of \$35.9 million, or 18.3%, compared to the appropriation of \$196.1 million for 2011/12. The key variances are attributable to reduced requirements for military and police personnel due mainly to the application of delayed deployment factors for these categories of personnel based on the actual deployment experience during prior budget periods; reduced requirements for civilian personnel mainly attributable to the proposed abolition of 148 positions and phased reduction of additional 158 positions during the 2012/13 budget period as a result of the anticipated completion of electoral process by the end of October 2012 and full implementation of Joint Transition Plan by the end of December 2012.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of UNMIT are set out in paragraph 54 of the budget performance report (A/66/609) and paragraph 105 of the budget report (A/66/711).

## ***Agenda Item 163***

### ***Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)***

#### **Budget performance report**

The budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/573.

By its resolution 64/284 of 24 June 2010, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$57.1 million for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$57.1 million. This resulted in an unspent balance of \$28,400, representing a resource utilization rate of 100%.

#### **Proposed budget report**

The proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 is contained in document A/66/681. The budget amounts to \$58.7 million, exclusive of budgeted voluntary contributions in kind, which represents a reduction of \$2.7 million, or 4.4%, compared to the appropriation of \$61.4 million for 2011/12. Key variances are attributable to lower operational requirements due primarily to reduced provisions for facilities and infrastructure taking into account assets and supplies transferred from liquidating missions, and reduced provisions for ground transportation due to the extension of the useful life of existing vehicles. The overall lower requirements are partly offset by higher requirements for national staff due to revised national salary scale and higher average grades of national staff.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of MINURSO are set out in paragraph 45 of the budget performance report (A/66/573) and paragraph 55 of the budget report (A/66/681).

*Agenda Item 160 (a)*

*Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)*

Budget performance report

The budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/556.

By its resolution 64/281 of 24 June 2010, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$47.8 million for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$47.3 million. This resulted in an unspent balance of \$0.5 million, representing a resource utilization rate of 98.9%. The unutilized balance is attributable to lower expenditures for military contingents, primarily due to lower actual troop rotation costs and costs of rations, based on an analysis of food requirements and the availability of ration stocks. The reduced expenditures were offset by additional requirements for national staff, primarily due to the difference in the actual average exchange rate between the Syrian pound and United States dollar compared to the exchange rate applied in the 2011/12 budget, and to revision of national salary scales effective November 2010.

Proposed budget report

The proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 is contained in document A/66/683 and Corr.1. The budget amounts to \$46.2 million, which represents a reduction of \$4.3 million, or 8.5%, compared to the appropriation of \$50.5 million for 2011/12. The key variances are attributable to reduced requirements for military contingents, as well as for ground transportation and communications equipment attributable mainly to the extension of vehicles and equipment useful life, use of in-house resources for the maintenance of armoured personnel carriers; and reduced requirements for international staff.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of UNDOF are set out in paragraph 32 of the budget performance report (A/66/556) and paragraph 49 of the budget report (A/66/683 and Corr. 1).



***Agenda Item 160 (b)***

***Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)***

Budget performance report

The budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 is contained in document A/66/582.

By its resolution 64/282 of 24 June 2010, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$518.7 million for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 for the maintenance of the Force. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$518.7 million. This resulted in an unspent balance of \$17,900, representing a resource utilization rate of 100%.

Proposed budget report

The proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 is contained in document A/66/701 and Corr.1. The budget amounts to \$517.2 million, which represents a reduction of \$28.3 million, or 5.2%, compared to the appropriation of \$545.5 million for 2011/12. The key variances are attributable to reduced requirements for military contingents, as well as for air transportation as a result of the deployment of two less costly helicopters and decrease in planned flight hours, and reduced requirements for acquisition of communications and information technology equipment, due to the extension of the useful life of existing assets.

**The actions to be taken by the General Assembly** in respect of the financing of UNIFIL are set out in paragraph 40 of the budget performance report (A/66/582) and paragraph 77 of the budget report (A/66/701 and Corr.1).

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you.