

Statement of the Chairman of the ACABQ on the financing of:

The United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT)

The United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)

The United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

The United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS)

The United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)

The United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)

The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the reports of the Advisory Committee on the financing of the eight peacekeeping operations under consideration today. The Committee's reports cover budget performance for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 as well as the Secretary-General's budgetary proposals for the 2012/13 period.

1. MINURCAT United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Report of the Secretary-General: A/66/646;

Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.2

The mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) was not extended beyond 31 December 2010. The performance period was marked by the drawdown and closure of the Mission followed by its administrative liquidation from 1 January 2011 to 30 April 2011. The Advisory Committee expresses concern at the manner in which the recruitment exercise for national staff was conducted and the resulting budgetary and legal implications. The Committee also expresses its view that sufficient staff should have been retained for the liquidation exercise in order to avoid the increased requirement for staff from other missions to support the exercise. Further, the Advisory Committee takes note of progress in the implementation of activities that were handed over to the Mission's partners at the termination of its mandate.

The Committee has no objection to the course of action proposed by the Secretary-General, based on the updated information contained in annex II of its report on the financing of MINURCAT.

2. UNMEE United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Secretary-General: A/66/560;

Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.3

With regard to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), the mandate of the Mission was not extended beyond 31 July 2008 and the Mission's liquidation activities were completed on 7 December 2010. The report under consideration represents the final performance report of the mission.

The total income of the Mission since its inception on 31 July 2000 was approximately \$1.56 billion, of which approximately \$211 million remained unencumbered at the end of the Mission's mandate. The Secretary-General indicates that the credits returned to Member States amount to approximately \$200 million, leaving a fund balance of \$11 million as at 30 June 2011. After taking into account the outstanding assessed contributions of \$2 million, the cash available for return to Member States as at 31 December 2011 was approximately \$9 million.

The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the Secretary-General's proposal to credit the available cash balance of approximately \$9 million to Member States.

3. **UNOMIG** **United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia**

Report of the Secretary-General: A/66/569;
Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.1

Turning to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG). The mandate of the Mission was not extended beyond 15 June 2009 and its liquidation activities were completed on 31 October 2009.

The Secretary-General's report covers the final disposition of the assets of the Mission with a total inventory value of \$22.7 million and a residual value of \$7.6 million as at 1 July 2009. The Committee notes that assets with an inventory value of \$3.7 million (and a residual value of \$1.1 million) were transferred to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at no cost, because a commercial sale would not have served the interests of the Organization.

The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the course of action proposed in paragraph 9 of the Secretary-General's report.

4. **UNMIS** **United Nations Mission in the Sudan**

Report of the Secretary-General: A/66/608;
Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.5

The mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) was not extended beyond 11 July 2011. The report of the Secretary-General covers budget performance for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the Secretary-General's proposal that the unencumbered balance of \$9.2 million, as well as other income and adjustments in the amount of \$29.2 million be credited to Member States.

5. **UNMIT** **United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste**

Reports of the Secretary-General: A/66/609, A/66/711;

Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.8

As regards the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT), the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, in the amount of \$160.2 million.

The Committee notes the progress made so far in the implementation of the Joint Transition Plan, in partnership with the highest level of Government, to ensure a smooth handover of UNMIT's activities at the time of its eventual departure from Timor Leste. The Committee further notes the efforts made by the Mission to enhance the skills of its national staff through training in order to increase their future employment prospects; as well as the measures implemented by the Mission to mitigate the environmental impact of its activities.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on budget performance for the 2010/11 period are contained in paragraph 54 of its report.

6. **MINURSO** **United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara**

Reports of the Secretary-General: A/66/573, A/66/681;

Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.6

Concerning the financing of MINURSO, the recommendation of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$476,000 to the 2012/13 proposed budget. The reduction is related to aviation fuel supply for the Mission's air fleet, which is explained in paragraphs 30 to 33 of the Committee's report.

The staffing level proposed for 2012/13 represents a decrease of 2 posts. The Committee recommends approval of the staffing proposals of the Secretary-General, including the proposed conversion from international to national posts.

With respect to the cash position of the Mission, the Advisory Committee reiterates its concern at the persistent precariousness of the financial situation of MINURSO and its impact on timely reimbursements to troop-contributing countries. The Committee recalls the repeated calls by the General Assembly for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without conditions.

7. **UNDOF** **United Nations Disengagement Observer Force**

Reports of the Secretary-General: A/66/556, A/66/683;

Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.10

With respect to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), during its consideration of the budgetary proposals for 2012/13, the Advisory Committee was provided with

an outline of the main objectives and deliverables of the UNDOF mission support plan, which is contained in annex II to the Committee's report. The Committee expects that subsequent budgets and performance reports will provide information on the efficiencies realized as a result of its implementation.

With the exception of reductions under the resources for both international and national staff, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's proposals for 2012/13.

8. UNIFIL **United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon**

*Reports of the Secretary-General: A/66/582, A/66/701;
Report of the Advisory Committee: A/66/718/Add.4*

With respect to the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the Advisory Committee was informed, during its consideration of the proposals for 2012/13 that the air fleet of the mission had been reduced from seven helicopters to five, following the departure of two aircraft early in 2012. The Committee was informed that efforts were being made to identify replacements but that if the air fleet remained at five, this would result in reduced requirements for the 2012/13 of \$181,700.

On the basis of the information provided, Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's proposals for 2012/13, subject to provision of updated information on the composition of the mission's air fleet to the General Assembly.

With regard to staffing, the Committee welcomes the continued efforts made by the mission to review its staffing and to propose adjustments to meet its changing priority needs, including reassignment or abolition of posts whose functions are no longer deemed necessary.

Mr Chairman,

I thank you for your attention.