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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2018 (A/73/604)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2018 contained in document A/73/604. Section III of the report also addresses the cash requirements of the Organization and the outstanding dues to Member States from closed missions with net cash deficits.

2. This report covers 29 closed peacekeeping missions. As at 30 June 2018, 24 missions had net cash surpluses of \$93.1 million, and the remaining five missions had net cash deficits of \$85.6 million. Pending the receipt of outstanding assessed contributions, \$62.9 million is owed to troop-contributing countries in the missions with cash deficits.

3. During the 66th, 67th and 68th sessions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General made proposals to address the issue of outstanding dues to Member States in respect of contingent-owned equipment and letters of assist for closed missions with cash deficits (A/66/665, A/67/739 and A/68/666). The Secretary-General also made proposals to address cash issues in active missions by authorizing temporary cross-borrowing between active missions (A/67/739, A/68/666, A/69/659 and A/70/552). As an alternative, the Secretary-General also proposed the establishment of a working capital fund for peacekeeping operations (A/68/666,

A/69/659 and A/70/552). The Assembly has deferred consideration of these proposals. Accordingly, the present report provides a factual update of the financial information presented in previous reports (A/68/666, A/69/659, A/70/522, A/71/652 and A/72/649).

4. Cash surpluses in closed missions are used to alleviate occasional shortfalls in active peacekeeping operations. This has been mainly the case in MINURSO (Western Sahara) and UNMIK (Kosovo) in the period ending 30 June 2018. During the 2017/18 period, such borrowings peaked at \$35.1 million in July and August 2017 and June 2018. The balance of cross-borrowings at the end of April 2019 was \$34.7 million.

5. The General Assembly is requested to consider the proposals of the Secretary-General to address the cash requirements of active peacekeeping operations.

6. If no new mechanism is approved, the General Assembly is requested to allow the retention of the net cash balance of \$93.1 million available in 24 closed peacekeeping missions as of 30 June 2018.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.