Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/880)]

65/303. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon\(^1\) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\(^2\)

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1937 (2010) of 30 August 2010, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 August 2011,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 64/282 of 24 June 2010,


Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly 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,

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\(^1\) A/65/608 and Corr.1 and A/65/756.

\(^2\) A/65/743/Add.9.
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 General Assembly 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 and 65/289 of 30 June 2011, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 30 April 2011, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 59.5 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only ninety-one 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 which 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;


6. 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;

7. Also expresses concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

8. Emphasizes that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. Also emphasizes that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

11. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

12. Notes that the overall level of appropriation has been adjusted in accordance with the terms of resolution 65/289;
13. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269 and 65/289;

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

15. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of resolution 56/214 B, paragraph 14 of resolution 57/325, paragraph 13 of resolution 58/307, paragraph 13 of resolution 59/307, paragraph 17 of resolution 60/278, paragraph 21 of resolution 61/250 A, paragraph 20 of resolution 61/250 B, paragraph 20 of resolution 61/250 C, paragraph 21 of resolution 62/265, paragraph 19 of resolution 63/298 and paragraph 18 of resolution 64/282, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

16. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;\(^3\)

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

17. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of $580,331,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, inclusive of $545,470,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, $29,540,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and $5,320,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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18. Also decides to apportion among Member States the amount of $96,721,900 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 August 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

19. Further 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 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of $2,558,100 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of $2,047,900 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of $417,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of $93,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. Decides to apportion among Member States the amount of $483,609,700 dollars for the period from 1 September 2011 to 30 June 2012 at a monthly rate of $48,360,967 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 64/249, and

\(^3\) A/65/608 and Corr.1.
taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011 and 2012, as set out in resolution 64/248, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

21. Also 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 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of $12,790,300, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of $10,239,500 approved for the Force, the prorated share of $2,085,000 of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of $465,800 of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

22. Further decides that, for Member States that have 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 income in the total amount of $62,951,500 in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in resolution 64/248;

23. 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 income in the total amount of $62,951,500 in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. Also decides that the increase of $1,081,300 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010 shall be added to the credits from the amount of $62,951,500 referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

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

26. 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;

27. 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;

28. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session, under the item entitled “Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East”, the sub-item entitled “United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon”.

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