



Agenda Item 147

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

Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's overview report on the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations under agenda item 147.
2. The resources proposed for peacekeeping operations for 2014/15, as reflected on page 4 of the report, amount to \$7.4 billion, representing a reduction of 5.1 per cent when compared to the approved resources for the 2013/14 period of \$7.8 billion. This number however only includes the 6-month commitment authority proposed for UNMISS given the uncertainty of the situation of this Mission and does not include requirements for the newly established UN peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA). Taking into account the resources proposed for MINUSCA for the 6-month period from 1 July to 31 December 2014, the proposed resources would be close to \$7.7 billion.
3. Excluding the impact of the financing for UNMISS, the reduction in requirements is mainly attributable to a reduction of the military and police components of UNOCI, UNMIL, MINUSTAH and UNAMID; the absence of the provision for the supplemental payment to troop- and formed police-contributing countries which was approved by the General Assembly for the 2013/14 period; and the reconfiguration of the aircraft fleets of a number of missions. In addition, the budget reflects an overall net reduction of 895 civilian personnel posts and positions in 9 peacekeeping missions, pursuant to civilian staffing reviews and reductions in military and civilian personnel components.
4. The overall lower requirements are partly offset by additional resources proposed mainly for MINUSMA resulting from the completion of full capacity of the Mission and for UNSOA resulting from the increase in the authorized strength of AMISOM decided by the Security Council.

I look forward to the discussions on this item.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.