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Agenda item 148

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

Budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/609)

Budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/779)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (UNLB), under agenda item 148. As part of the global field support strategy, UNLB has been re-profiling as a Global Service Centre, with a mandate to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of field missions.

2. The actual expenditure for 2014/15 was \$66.5 million, an overall budget implementation rate of 94.5 per cent. The proposed budget for 2016/17 amounts to \$85.5 million, an overall increase of 27.4 per cent over the 2015/16 period. The increase [\$18.4 million] is mainly attributable to items which were previously budgeted under various peacekeeping missions, and are now recurrent, post-Umoja deployment costs associated with IT support services, software licenses; centralized applications such as customer relation management and troop contribution management. The increase relates also to the replacement of obsolete strategic deployment stocks, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/292.

3. The proposal also includes the abolishment of four posts in the Standing Police Capacity and five posts in the Integrated Training Service. In the context of the Support Account, these posts are being requested to be established in New York and Entebbe, respectively. Other staffing changes include the conversion of 11 temporary positions as well as the relocation of the Chief of Service for Geospatial, Information and Telecommunication Technology (SGITT), from Brindisi to the facility in Valencia, which was deferred for consideration by the seventieth session.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.