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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 2016 (A/71/652)

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honor to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2016 contained in document A/71/652. Section IV of the report also addresses the cash requirements of the Organization and the outstanding dues from closed missions in net cash deficits.
2. The report covers 29 closed peacekeeping missions, including details of three missions closed since 2015: UNMIT in Timor-Leste, MINURCAT in the Central African Republic and Chad, and UNSMIS in the Syrian Arab Republic. As at 30 June 2016, five missions had net cash deficits of \$86.1 million, and 24 missions had net cash surpluses of \$67.7 million. Pending the receipt of outstanding assessed contributions, \$62.9 million is owed to troop-contributing countries.
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 Assembly has deferred consideration of these proposals. Accordingly, the present report does not make any new proposals at this time.

4. While circumstances have improved in recent years, cash surpluses have been used to alleviate occasional shortfalls in active peacekeeping operations. This has been the case in MINURSO (Western Sahara) and UNMIK (Kosovo), and less frequently in UNFICYP (Cyprus). Peak borrowings (experienced typically in July and August) have declined from \$57 million in August 2013 to \$40 million in July 2016. The balance of cross-borrowings at the end of December 2016 was \$26.0 million.

5. The Secretary General has made proposals to address the cash requirements of active peacekeeping operations in his previous reports (A/67/739, A/68/666, A/69/659 and A/70/522).

6. The General Assembly is requested to consider these previous proposals and, if no new mechanism is approved, to allow the retention of the net cash balance of \$67.7 million available in 24 closed peacekeeping missions as of 30 June 2016.

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