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

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

**Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's report on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2011, contained in document A/66/665, under agenda item 146, administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping.

By its resolution 65/293 of 30 June 2011, the General Assembly decided to return \$70,600 to the Government of Kuwait and \$180 million out of the \$230.7 million net cash available for credit to Member States as at 30 June 2010, based on the scale applicable to each mission's last assessment.

After recording the credit returns to Member States of \$180,070,600 as at 30 June 2011, and taking into account interest income earned during the financial period 2010/11, the cash available for return to Member States as at 30 June 2011, has decreased to \$27.6 million, as shown in table 2 of the report. This is partly due to the increase in the loans given to active peacekeeping operations, which increased

from \$12 million as at 30 June 2010 to \$41.5 million as at 30 June 2011. These outstanding loans to active missions had increased to \$45.5 million as at 30 April 2012.

Cash surpluses of closed missions continue to remain the only source for alleviating the cash shortages for active peacekeeping operations. Cumulative cross-borrowing during 2011/12 has reached \$109.0 million for six active missions, compared to \$88.9 million for four active missions during 2010/11. On the other hand, the peak borrowing during 2011/12 reached \$93 million in September 2011, compared to a peak of \$47.5 million during 2010/11. A more detailed picture of the cross-borrowing is presented in Annexes II and III of the report.

Given the recent experience in cross-borrowing, the Secretary-General proposes that the General Assembly approve the retention of the net cash balance of \$27.6 million available in 18 closed missions as at 30 June 2011. This amount, combined with the \$41.5 million borrowed by active missions as at 30 June 2011, can provide \$69.1 million of cross-borrowing capacity to manage cash shortfalls in active peacekeeping operations.

I would now like to turn to the issue of the outstanding payments to Member States in the closed peacekeeping missions with cash deficits. In its resolution 65/293, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit for its consideration and approval, concrete proposals and alternatives to address the issue of outstanding dues to Member States. As at 30 June 2011, these outstanding dues were \$63.1 million, owed to troop- and police- contributing countries in four closed missions, as shown in annex IV of the report.

The appropriate resolution of the outstanding claims would be for Member States that are in arrears in their payments to closed peacekeeping missions to pay those contributions expeditiously, as called for in resolution 65/293. As requested by the General Assembly, two alternatives are proposed in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the report. Both options involve utilizing a part of the unencumbered balance in the special account for UNAMID, which was \$335.5 million as at 30 June 2011, to settle the \$63.1 million owed to troop- and police-contributing countries. In both options, Member States would lose the opportunity to lower their assessments for UNAMID for 2012/13 by their share of the \$63.1 million; they would get back this amount only when the arrears of assessments in the closed missions with cash deficits are finally paid by the Member States who owe them.

Mr Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to note that the ACABQ made significant recommendations on these issues. We stand ready to support this discussion during the informals.

Thank you.