

**Statement of the Chairman**  
**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

**11 May 2020**

**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and  
proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021  
for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission  
in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)**

*(ACABQ report A/74/737/Add.10, related reports A/74/621 and A/74/756)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee on the budget performance for 2018/19 and proposed budget for 2020/21 for MINUSCA (A/74/737/Add.10).

The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General's proposal for 2020/21 amounts to \$948,036,100 (gross), comprising military and police personnel (\$482,285,400), civilian personnel (\$214,838,100) and operational costs (\$250,912,600), which represents an increase of \$37,978,600, or 4.2 per cent, compared with the approved resources of \$910,057,500 for 2019/20. The proposed resource requirements include an amount of \$18,020,700 requested for electoral support.

The proposed staffing level for 2020/21 represents an increase of 72 posts and positions (72 establishment, 1 conversion and 3 reassignment), of which a total of 68 positions are those authorized by the Controller, on an exceptional basis, for seven months from 1 December 2019 to 30 June 2020 for electoral support. The Advisory Committee was informed that the related cost estimates of \$6.1 million for the 68 positions will be absorbed from within the appropriation approved by the General Assembly for 2019/20.

The Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for civilian personnel, with the exception of the following: (a) the Committee recommends against the proposed establishment of 1 P-4 post of Programme Planning Officer to support the implementation of the comprehensive performance assessment system; and (b) the Committee recommends the abolishment of the 6 of 18 posts and positions vacant for more than two years for which no recruitment activities have been undertaken.

Under operational costs, the proposed increase for 2020/21 amounts to \$17.1 million, or 7.3 per cent, including a provision of \$8.5 million for electoral support. The Advisory Committee recommends reductions as follows: (a) official travel (\$661,100); (b) facilities and infrastructure (\$225,300 for acquisition of engineering supplies and \$844,200 for petrol, oil and lubricants); (c) ground transportation (\$33,600 for repairs and maintenance and \$178,700 for spare parts); (d) communication and information technology (\$619,200 for communication and information technology equipment and \$231,400 for public information and publication services); and (e) other supplies, services and equipment (\$277,700 for other freight and related costs and \$152,100 for implementing partners and grants).

The Advisory Committee's recommendations would entail a reduction of \$3,674,400 to the proposal of the Secretary-General for 2020/21 for MINUSCA.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

*(ACABQ report A/74/737/Add.12; related reports of the Secretary-General: A/74/617 and A/74/738)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) on the budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General's proposal for 2020/21 amounts to \$1,087,769,600 (gross), comprising requirements for military and police personnel (\$526,707,100), civilian personnel (\$259,695,100) and operational costs (\$301,367,400). The resources available to the Mission in 2019/20 comprise the initial appropriation of \$1,012,252,800 as well as an amount not exceeding \$36,437,600 authorized by the Advisory Committee under commitment authority to cover requirements for additional military personnel and associated operational costs.

With regard to the Mission's staffing proposals, the Advisory Committee recommends the abolishment of 7 posts that have been vacant for more than 2 years and are at an early stage of recruitment. Under operational costs, in view of the pattern of expenditures, the Advisory Committee is recommending reductions in the proposed

resource increases under official travel, facilities and infrastructure, ground transportation, communications and information technology, and other supplies services and equipment.

The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide more information on the contract performance of the unmanned aerial system (UAS) to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report. The Advisory Committee further expects that information on the efficient measurement of utilization and availability of the UAS, including on the cost recovery mechanism in case of low utilization and/or low availability of the contracted services, will be presented in future budget submissions.

The Advisory Committee's recommendations would entail an overall reduction of \$4,231,000 to the proposal of the Secretary-General for 2020/21.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and  
proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 for the United  
Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali**  
*(ACABQ report A/74737/Add.11; related reports: A/74/626 and A/74/745)*

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/74/737/Add.11) on the budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and the proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

The Committee notes that the proposal of the Secretary-General for 2020/21 which amounts to \$1,196,908,800 including resources for Military and police personnel (\$495,872,900), Civilian personnel (\$196,945,800) and Operational costs (\$504,090,100), represents an increase of \$58,450,900, or 5.1 per cent, compared to the appropriation of \$1,138,457,900 for 2019/20.

With regard to civilian personnel, the Advisory Committee recommends against the establishment of one Strategic Planning Officer (P-3) post, one Logistics Assistant (national General Service staff) post and one Regional Joint Operations Centre Reporting, Coordination and Watch Duty Officer (United Nations Volunteer) position. Moreover, the Committee recommends the abolishment of 7 posts (for which no or limited action has been taken at this stage) of the 49 long-vacant posts and trusts that the Mission will consider the possibility of increasing the number of national personnel in future budget submissions.

Turning to operational costs, the Committee recommends reductions under consultants and consulting services; training travel; construction, alteration, renovation and major maintenance; public information and publication services; other freight and related costs; utilities and waste disposal services; acquisition of vehicles; spare parts for communications and information technology and individual contractor services.

Additionally, the Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will present to the General Assembly updated and detailed information on the utilization of Unmanned Aircraft Systems at the time of its consideration of the Committee's report and in future budget submission.

The overall adjustment recommended by the Advisory Committee amounts to \$5,874,100.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and  
proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 for the**

**United Nations Mission in South Sudan**

*(ACABQ report A/74/737/Add. 13)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Mission in South Sudan on the budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, and on the proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

The Committee notes that the Secretary-General's proposal for 2020/21 amounts to \$1,190,119,000, under military and police personnel (\$544,295,100), civilian personnel (\$314,204,000), and operational costs (\$331,619,900), which represents an increase by 0.6 per cent or \$6,671,700 from the approved amount of \$1,183,447,300 for 2019/20.

The Advisory Committee recommends reductions under civilian personnel, official travel; facilities and infrastructure; communications and information technology; and other supplies, services and equipment. The Committee therefore recommends a reduction in the amount of \$3,303,900 to the proposed resources for 2020/21.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and  
financing for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 of the African Union-  
United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur**

*(ACABQ report A/74/833; related reports: A/74/627 and A/74/810)*

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/74/833) on the budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and the financing for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

The Committee notes that the request of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$241,896,600 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 includes resources for Military and police personnel (\$113,235,500), Civilian personnel (\$78,412,300) and Operational costs (\$50,248,800), which represent a reduction of \$15,356,200, or 6 per cent, compared to 50 per cent of the appropriation of \$514,505,600 for the 12-month period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

In terms of staffing requirements, the Advisory Committee reiterates the need for capacity-building activities to support national staff during the mission downsizing and trusts that steps will be taken by the Operation to assist national staff in developing skills and finding employment opportunities following the closure of the Mission.

With regard to operational costs, the Advisory Committee notes the significant reduction in the proposed resources for other programmatic activities



compared to the apportionment for the 2019/20 period and trusts that such reduction will not compromise the effort to achieve sustainable solutions to the conflicts in Darfur and the transition to a follow-on presence. The Committee also trusts that updated information on the transitional activities will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the Committee's report.

In the perspective of the Mission closure, the Committee stresses again the importance of compliance with the United Nations environmental and waste management policy and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to review and update the Guide for senior leadership on field entity closure, including best practice and lessons learned during the drawdown of UNAMID.

In view of the uncertainty regarding the Mission drawdown, closure, liquidation and transition and the challenges faced by UNAMID, the Advisory Committee considers that the Secretary-General's request to enter into commitment in an amount not exceeding \$241,896,600 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 should be granted.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and  
proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021  
for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS)**

*(ACABQ report A/74/737/Add.8, related reports A/74/599 and A/74/722)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee on the budget performance for 2018/19 and proposed budget for 2020/21 for UNSOS (A/74/737/Add.8).

The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General's proposal for 2020/21 amounts to \$558,531,300 (gross), comprising military and police personnel (\$136,659,400), civilian personnel (\$86,364,200) and operational costs (\$335,507,700), which represents a decrease of \$6,026,800, or 1.1 per cent, compared with the approved resources for 2019/20.

The Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for civilian personnel. In particular, the Committee welcomes a period of stabilization following a series of reorganizations by UNSOS in recent years. Concerning three posts vacant for more than two years, the Committee trusts that an update on the related recruitment status will be provided to the General Assembly now.

Under operational costs, the proposed increase amounts to \$18.9 million, or 6 per cent, for 2020/21, including a provision of \$4.6 million to support the Somali elections through AMISOM. Noting that there are changes to various budget lines without explanations, the Committee requested but did not receive reasons for instituting such changes at this time, which renders its review and analysis of the

proposed budget difficult. The Committee recommends reductions under official travel (\$17,000) and facilities and infrastructure (\$1,255,230 under petrol, oil and lubricants and \$2,673,430 under construction, alteration, renovation and major maintenance).

In addition, the Advisory Committee notes budgetary inaccuracies and lack of clarity in the proposed budget and it recommends a reduction of \$177,000 in this regard. The Committee has recognized the challenging environment in which UNSOS operates and it nonetheless stresses that the Office needs to enhance management oversight in the budgetary process and improve budgetary accuracy and presentation.

The Advisory Committee's recommendations would entail a reduction of \$4,122,700 to the proposal of the Secretary-General for 2020/21.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.