



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 March 2020

Subject: Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)

Excellency,

I wish to inform you that I received a letter from the Chair of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee), H. E. Mr. Andreas D. Mavroyiannis, dated 27 March 2020, in which he informed me as follows:

“I wish to inform you that the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee), having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) (A/74/679) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/74/746) and after undergoing a process consisting of virtual informal-informal consultations, has reached consensus on 26 March on the draft text, annexed to the present letter, pertaining to agenda item 163 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur).

In reaching consensus, the Committee has stressed that the process followed is due to the exceptional and extraordinary nature of the current situation related to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); that, as such, it applies only to the first part of the resumed 74th session and shall not set a precedent; and that it is followed without prejudice to the positions of delegations regarding the subsequent process to be followed for decisions of the General Assembly. Furthermore, the Committee has decided that it shall take note of the attached decision at its first subsequent formal meeting.”

In accordance with General Assembly decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020 entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic”, it is therefore my pleasure to place under silence procedure, until Tuesday, 31 March 2020 at 6:00 p.m., draft resolution entitled “Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur” which has been issued as document A/74/L.50, under agenda item 163.

In light of the fact that the General Assembly, at its 2nd plenary meeting on 20 September 2019, decided to allocate agenda item 163 to the Fifth Committee, it is necessary that the General Assembly also takes a procedural decision to consider it directly in the General Assembly. Thus, this requisite procedural decision is also placed under the silence procedure referred to above.

Delegations wishing to make statements in explanations of vote are invited to refer to the procedure annexed to this letter.

Objections to the draft resolution (A/74/L.50) should be directed to Emanuel Tilman, Senior Adviser at emanuel.dacostatilman@un.org.

I avail of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal stroke followed by a vertical stroke that curves into a loop at the top right.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

ANNEX
Explanation of vote/position

Member States wishing to make an explanation of vote/position may do so in any of the following ways, without prejudice to the delegations' rights under the rules of procedure to explain their vote/position at the first plenary meeting held in order for the General Assembly to take note of the decision after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstance allow:

- Option 1: Electronic versions of the statements in explanation of vote/position will be posted on the e-delegate portal, under Plenary announcements. Please indicate the title of the draft decision/resolution in the subject line of the e-mail to be sent to Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras (email: pricec@un.org) in the General Assembly Affairs Branch.
- Option 2: Member States can address their communication to the President of the General Assembly (to be sent to Mari Skaare, Chef de Cabinet, mari.skaare@un.org), which can then be circulated in a subsequent letter from the President to all Member States. Please clearly indicate the title of the draft decision/resolution in the subject line of the communication.
- Option 3: Member States can also address a communication to the Secretary-General requesting the issuance of their communication.
 - Such communications should be addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires, a.i., of the permanent mission to the United Nations.
 - The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of current session of the Assembly.
 - A scanned copy of the original signed communications (PDF version) as well as their Microsoft Word versions should be sent together to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (sgcentral@un.org) with a copy to gaab@un.org and dms@un.org to facilitate processing. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included electronically with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.