

MONUSCO

Budgetary Questions to the Fifth Committee

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Mr. Chairman,

of \$74,560,100 to provide logistical support for elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo mandated under Security Council resolution 1001. The additional resources are being requested primarily for the contracting of 20 additional aircraft at a total cost of \$62,575,100, for the distribution of electoral materials to hubs and sub-hubs throughout the country as well as the transportation of some 3,000 electoral officials and observers.

The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General has recently requested the Board of Auditors to review the proposed budget for the Mission in order to ensure effective integration into the existing mission aviation capacity in the most efficient manner possible. The Committee expects that the Secretary-General will remain within the total amount of \$62,575,100 proposed for air transportation in support of the elections.

The Advisory Committee is of the view that at this stage in the implementation of the Mission's budget, it should be possible for MONUSCO to absorb some of the cost for the logistical support to the elections, particularly at the time of its current appropriation. The Committee therefore recommends that it request the Secretary-General to assess an initial amount of \$37,280,000, and to of the Mission.