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Final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. The Mission's assets, with a total acquisition value of \$150,922,600, were disposed of as at 30 June 2018.

Final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 June 2018

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Asset group</i>	<i>Acquisition value</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Residual value</i>
Group I: transferred to other peacekeeping missions or the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage	102 919.8	68.2	29 107.7
Group II: disposed of in the mission area			
Sold	17 523.5	11.6	1 422.3
Group III: written off/lost	23 572.2	15.6	3 055.5
Assets gifted to the Government of Haiti	6 907.1	4.6	997.9
Total	150 922.6	100.0	34 583.4

The action to be taken by the General Assembly is set out in paragraph 14 of the present report.



I. Introduction

1. The mandate of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) was established by the Security Council in its resolution [1542 \(2004\)](#). In its resolution [2350 \(2017\)](#), the Council extended the mandate for a final period until 15 October 2017. The Council, in the same resolution, decided that the military component of MINUSTAH was to draw down gradually during the final six-month period, fully withdrawing from Haiti by 15 October 2017. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to begin to reduce the Mission's tasks in a phased manner, ensuring that the critical functions were defined and appropriate support capacity was maintained, and requested MINUSTAH to ensure a responsible transition to the successor mission, the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH).
2. The present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of MINUSTAH as at 30 June 2018, undertaken in accordance with regulation 5.14 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, as well as information on the assets gifted to the host Government within the purview of rule 105.23 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

II. Assets gifted to the Government of Haiti

3. The gifting of assets was undertaken during the mandated period and transition to MINUJUSTH. In that regard, rule 105.23 (e) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations stipulates, inter alia, that a review body can determine that the interests of the United Nations will be served through the disposal of the property by gift to an intergovernmental organization, a Government or governmental agency or some other non-profit organization.
4. Following an assessment by a working group headed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, MINUSTAH identified, for gifting to the Government of Haiti and governmental agencies, assets with a total acquisition value of \$6,907,100 (corresponding residual value of \$997,900), representing 4.6 per cent of the total acquisition value of the Mission's assets, amounting to \$150,922,600 (corresponding residual value of \$34,583,400).
5. The gifting approach proved to be valuable in disposing of assets, allowing MINUSTAH to hand back the majority of its locations during the mandated period and facilitate a successful and responsible transition to MINUJUSTH.
6. A summary of assets identified for gifting to the Government and governmental agencies is reflected in table 1 below. The assets provided to the Government are related to equipment and prefabricated buildings that remained at the sites and premises handed over to the Government.

Table 1
Assets gifted to the Government of Haiti

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Acquisition value</i>	<i>Residual value</i>
Accommodation equipment	10.2	2.7
Communications equipment	3.8	1.1
Data-processing equipment	317.9	85.3
Generators	732.1	387.1
Medical equipment	105.1	14.9
Miscellaneous equipment	1 468.8	311.0
Petrol tanks and metering equipment	376.3	24.7
Prefabricated buildings	1 530.5	160.7
Refrigeration equipment	2.0	0.3
Vehicular equipment	2 350.0	8.9
Water and septic tanks	10.4	1.2
Total	6 907.1	997.9

III. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

7. The process of liquidating the assets of MINUSTAH was guided by the following principles and policies contained in regulation 5.14:

(a) Equipment in good condition that conforms to established standardization or is considered compatible with existing equipment will be redeployed to other peacekeeping operations or will be placed in reserve to form start-up kits for use by future missions;

(b) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations may be redeployed to other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions, provided that there is a demonstrated need for the equipment;

(c) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations or other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions but which may be useful for the operations of other United Nations agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations will be sold to such agencies or organizations;

(d) Any equipment or property not required or which it is not feasible to dispose of in accordance with subparagraph (a), (b) or (c) above or which is in poor condition will be subject to commercial disposal in accordance with the procedures applicable to other United Nations equipment or property.

8. The assets of MINUSTAH, with a total acquisition value as at 30 June 2018 of \$144,015,500, were grouped into 16 categories: accommodation equipment, communications equipment, data-processing equipment, field defence equipment, generators, medical equipment, miscellaneous equipment, observation equipment, office equipment, petrol tanks and metering equipment, prefabricated buildings, refrigeration equipment, security equipment, vehicular equipment, water purification equipment, and water and septic tanks. The same categorization was used with regard to the gifted assets, in line with rule 105.23 (e), with a total acquisition value of \$6,907,100.

9. All assets were disposed of during the transition to MINUJUSTH, prior to 15 October 2017.

10. A summary of the final disposition of all assets is reflected in table 2 below.

Table 2

Final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Asset group</i>	<i>Acquisition value</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Residual value</i>
Group I: transferred to other peacekeeping missions or the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage	102 919.8	68.2	29 107.7
Transferred to MINUJUSTH	102 082.5	67.6	29 025.1
Transferred to other United Nations entities	837.3	0.6	82.6
Group II: disposed of in the mission area			
Sold	17 523.5	11.6	1 422.3
Group III: written off/lost	23 572.2	15.6	3 055.5
Assets gifted to the Government of Haiti	6 907.1	4.6	997.9
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11. Group I includes assets identified as meeting the requirements of peacekeeping operations or United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions. The items in this group, with an acquisition value of \$102,919,800 (corresponding residual value of \$29,107,700), representing 68.2 per cent of the total acquisition value of the assets, have been transferred to MINUJUSTH and to other peacekeeping operations and Secretariat offices.

12. Group II includes assets disposed of locally, with a total acquisition value of \$17,523,500 (corresponding residual value of \$1,422,300), representing 11.6 per cent of the total acquisition value of the assets, as shown in table 3 below. It comprises assets sold to United Nations agencies and private companies and individuals on the basis of competitive bidding. The amount of \$4,621,500, representing the proceeds of the sales, was credited as miscellaneous revenue to MINUSTAH. This comprises the amounts of \$993,900, which was reported to the General Assembly in the context of the budget performance report for the 2016/17 period ([A/72/689](#)), and \$3,627,600, which was reported to the Assembly in the context of the budget performance report for the 2017/18 period ([A/73/621](#)). In addition, the amount of \$190,500 was credited as miscellaneous revenue to MINUSTAH from the sale of scrap following the completion of the assets write-off process under group III, as described below.

Table 3

Sale of the assets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Acquisition value</i>	<i>Residual value</i>	<i>Sale value</i>
Commercial sale	17 270.2	1 319.0	4 538.3
Sale to United Nations agencies	253.3	103.3	83.2
Total	17 523.5	1 422.3	4 621.5

13. The acquisition value of the assets in group III totals \$23,572,200, representing 15.6 per cent of the total acquisition value, with a corresponding residual value of \$3,055,500. The assets were written off as result of normal wear and tear and obsolescence or because they were surplus or uneconomical for recovery. In addition, assets were written off as a result of loss owing to external and unforeseen factors (see table 4 below).

Table 4

Assets written off or lost

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Acquisition value</i>	<i>Residual value</i>
Normal wear and tear and regular life cycle activity	9 852.8	1 027.3
Obsolescence	6 019.5	1 078.7
Surplus	508.3	196.2
Uneconomical for recovery	4 700.6	361.8
Accidents and damage to vehicles	610.8	60.3
Accidents and damage to items other than vehicles	1.3	0.5
Faulty equipment	199.1	63.8
Hostile action	18.4	—
Inventory discrepancy	150.8	32.4
Natural disaster	284.4	16.5
Theft	443.7	34.1
Subtotal	22 789.7	2 871.6
Lost	782.5	183.9
Total	23 572.2	3 055.5

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly

14. The General Assembly is requested to take note of the present report.