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**Agenda item 134**

**Proposed Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013:**

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices  
and other political initiatives authorized by  
the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

- The reports of the Secretary-General presently before the Committee contained in document A/66/354 and its addenda contain the budget proposals for 2012 for 30 special political missions emanating from the decisions of the General Assembly and/or the Security Council.
- The presentation of the budget proposals for special political missions for 2012 follow the same format as in 2011 where missions are grouped into the following three thematic clusters:
  - (a) Thematic cluster I which includes the budget proposals for Special and Personal Envoys, Special Advisers and Personal Representatives of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Thematic cluster II covering Sanctions Monitoring Teams, Groups and Panels;
  - (c) Thematic cluster III which comprises budget proposals for Political Offices, Peacebuilding Support Offices, Integrated Offices and Commissions;
- The requirements for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) are contained in separate Addenda (Add.4 and 5).
- The budget proposal for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) is also contained in a separate addendum (Add.6) and will be introduced to you shortly. The total requirements of some \$32.6 million are included in table 1 of the Chapeau document.
- Efforts have been made to adapt and follow as closely as practical, the format and presentation of budgets for peacekeeping operations as has been done in the past.
- As requested by the Advisory Committee and the General Assembly, for the first time, information on extrabudgetary resources available for various political missions is included as

Annex I of the chapeau. Efforts will continue to refine and further improve the presentation of such extrabudgetary information in future reports.

- The status of the extension or renewal of mandates is contained in sections A and B of the SPM chapeau report.
- The total requirements for special political missions for 2012 amount to **\$617,620,600 net (\$662,260,500 gross)**. Mission-by-mission details of existing resources, estimated expenditures through December 2011, and the requirements for 2012 are presented in Table 1 of document A/66/354. Details for each individual mission are contained in the individual addenda.
- The proposed level of resources reflects a decrease of about \$22 million from the 2011 requirements.
- Requirements for the two largest missions (UNAMA and UNAMI) account for approximately \$414 million (or some 67.1%) of the total resources requested.
- As regards the proposed staffing resources, a total of **4,815** positions are requested for 2012. The number of positions requested reflects a net reduction of 21 positions from the number of positions in 2011.
- The 2 largest missions (UNAMA and UNAMI), account for **3,648** positions or about 76 per cent of the total.
- The action requested of the General Assembly is presented in Section III of the document A/66/354.

Thank you Mr. Chairman

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