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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**

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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to present the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/66/354/Add.7, on the 2012 budget proposals for the Office of the Joint United Nations – League of Arab States Special Envoy for Syria and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan and South Sudan.
2. The Office of the Joint Special Envoy for Syria was created pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/253 of 16 February 2012, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to support the efforts of the League of Arab States concerning Syria, including, among others, through the appointment of a Special Envoy.
3. The estimated requirements for the Office of the Joint Special Envoy for Syria for a 10-month period ending in December 2012 amount to \$7.5 million net (\$7.9 million gross) and include \$3 million in personnel costs corresponding to 18 staffing positions and \$4.5 million in operational requirements.
4. With regard to the Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, that Office was established following the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council towards the end of the Mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.
5. The resource requirements of the Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan for 2012 are estimated at \$1.3 million net (\$1.4 million gross), and include \$1 million in personnel costs corresponding to 7 staffing positions and \$300,000 in operational requirements.
6. The total resources requested for 2012 for the two missions presently before the Committee amount to \$8,771,200 net (or \$9,318,600 gross).
7. The General Assembly is requested to approve these budget proposals and to approve charging the equivalent amount against the provision for special political missions for the biennium 2012-2013.
8. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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