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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.8, on the 2012 budget proposals for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), as well as the proposals for additional requirements for the United Nations Political Office in Somalia (UNPOS).

2. UNSMIL was established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2009 of September 2011. Its mandate was extended most recently in resolution 2040 until 16 March 2013.

3. The resource requirements of UNSMIL for 2012 amount to \$36.5 million net (\$38.7 million gross), and include \$19 million in personnel costs corresponding to 272 staffing positions, and \$17.5 million in operational requirements.

4. With regard to UNPOS, the process of relocating additional staff from Nairobi to Somalia and consultation meetings of various stakeholders entails additional operational requirements for 2012. These requirements are estimated at \$3 million, and would bring the total budget of UNPOS for 2012 to \$20.5 million.

5. The total resources requested for the two missions in the present report before the Committee amount to \$39.5 million net (or \$41.7 million gross).

6. 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.

7. Thank you Mr. Chairman.
