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**Agenda item 134
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**

United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

1. The report of the Secretary-General presently before the Committee (A/66/354/Add.6) contains the budget proposal for 2012 for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya emanating from the decision of the Security Council. On 7 September 2011, the Secretary-General, in his letter to the Security Council (S/2011/542), requested the establishment of an integrated United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) to provide urgent advice and assistance in the areas of priorities identified by the Libyan authorities, coordinate internal assistance and undertake further consultations and assessments on the future scope of longer-term United Nations assistance in Libya. The Security Council adopted resolution 2009 (2011) on 16 September 2011 establishing UNSMIL, which is mandated to assist and support Libyan national efforts to:

- (a) restore public security and order and promote the rule of law;
- (b) undertake inclusive political dialogue, promote national reconciliation, and embark upon the constitution-making and electoral process;
- (c) extend state authority, including through strengthening emerging accountable institutions and the restoration of public services;
- (d) promote and protect human rights, particularly for those belonging to vulnerable groups, and support transitional justice;
- (e) take the immediate steps required to initiate economic recovery;
- (f) coordinate support that may be requested from other multilateral and bilateral actors as appropriate.

- In its letter dated 4 October 2011, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concurred with the request from the Controller, pursuant to the terms of the General Assembly resolution 64/246 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. The commitment authority provided for the immediate resource requirements of UNSMIL during the initial mandate period of three months, including an interim staffing complement of 196 temporary positions, comprising 146 international staff and 50 national staff, to be deployed in a phased manner to Tripoli and Benghazi.

- The total requirements of this mission for 2012 amount to **\$32,575,800 net (\$36,145,200 gross)**. This amount is included in the overall 2012 proposed SPM budget of \$617,620,600 net (\$662,260,500 gross). As regards the proposed staffing resources, a total of 242 positions are requested for 2012. The 242 positions are included in the total 2012 proposed SPM staffing of 4,815 positions.

Thank you Mr. Chairman
