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Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to introduce the resource requirement for the two reports under consideration today.

The report on the financing arrangement for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 contained in document A/66/519 contains the proposed budget for UNMIS for the 2011/12 period which amounts to $137.5 million representing a reduction of $809.5 million (85.5%) compared to the initially proposed budget for 2011/12.

By its resolution 65/257B of 30 June 2011, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of $482.5 million for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2011 for the maintenance of the Mission, as well as to enter into commitments for any further missions established by the Security Council before 31 December 2011 in support of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and for a successor mission.

The Security Council, by its resolution 1997 (2011) of 11 July 2011, decided to withdraw UNMIS effective 11 July 2011.

The proposed requirements would provide for the withdrawal and administrative liquidation of the mission, which entails conclusion of programmes; repatriation, transfer to other missions or separation of 10,352 uniformed personnel and 4,057 civilian personnel; restoration and hand-over of premises; and implementation and completion of administrative and related actions. The withdrawal and administrative liquidation of the mission is planned to be completed by 31 December 2011.

The estimates also include provisions for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan for the period from 1 August to 31 December 2011.

Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

The actions requested from the General Assembly are set out in **paragraph 47 of** the report.

I would now like to turn to the proposed budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

By its resolution 65/257B of 30 June 2011, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to draw upon the resources approved for UNMIS in entering into commitments for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2011 for UNISFA and any further missions established by the Security Council before 31 December 2011 in support of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

The Security Council, by its resolution 1990 (2011) of 27 June 2011, decided to establish UNISFA and decided that UNISFA would comprise a maximum of 4,200 military personnel, 50 police personnel, and appropriate civilian support.

The proposed budget for UNISFA contained in document A/66/526 for the 2011/12 period amounts to $180.7 million, and provides for the deployment of 135 military observers, 4,065 military contingent personnel, 50 United Nations police personnel, 97 international and 60 national staff, 20 United Nations Volunteers, and related operational costs.

The proposed requirements include provisions for reimbursements to troop contributing countries, rations, freight and deployment costs for contingent-owned equipment ($80.5 million).

Estimates also relate to facilities and infrastructure, mainly for construction, petrol, oil and lubricants for generators, self-sustainment of military contingents, and maintenance services and supplies ($31.1 million); as well as to air transportation, mainly for the rental and operation of rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft, ($22.9 million).

Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

The actions requested from the General Assembly are set out in **paragraph 103** of the report.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.