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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's note on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, contained in document A/66/777.

By its resolution 65/300 of 30 June 2011, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of \$44.9 million for the maintenance of the Mission for the 2011/12 period. Projected expenditures for the same period are estimated at \$48.3 million, resulting in additional requirements in the amount of \$3.4 million.

The projected increased requirements are primarily due to the classification of Field Service and national staff posts effective 1 March 2011; higher average actual post adjustment multiplier than budgeted for international staff; lower than budgeted projected average vacancy rate for international staff; implementation of two consecutive revised national staff salary scales effective 1 February 2011 and 1 February 2012; as well as higher than budgeted actual average grade level of national

General Service staff. The overall increased requirements are partly offset by reduced requirements under operational costs and military and police personnel.

As UNMIK is not in a position to absorb additional requirements within its approved 2011/12 budget, the General Assembly is requested to appropriate and assess on Member States the additional amount of 3,385,300 in respect of the 2011/12 financial period, as set out in paragraph 12 of the note by the Secretary-General (A/66/777).

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussion on this item.

Thank you.