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**Agenda item 130
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**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

I have the honour to present the reports of the Secretary-General contained in document A/67/346 and its addenda on the budget proposals for 2013 for ~~33~~ ³⁸ special political missions emanating from the decisions of the General Assembly and/or the Security Council.

The budget proposals for special political missions for 2013 are grouped into three clusters:

Thematic cluster I contained in Addenda 1 and 6 includes budget proposals for Special and Personal Envoys, Special Advisers and Personal Representatives of the Secretary-General;

Thematic cluster II contained in Addendum 2, includes the budget proposals for Sanctions Monitoring Teams, Groups and Panels; and

Thematic cluster III contained in Addenda 3 to 5 and 7 includes the budget proposals for Political Offices, Peacebuilding Support Offices, Integrated Offices and Commissions, and Assistance missions.

The total requirements of the 33 missions for 2013 amount to 567 million dollars (net of staff assessment), of which 64.5 million dollars relate to the four new missions created in the latter part of 2011 and 2012.

Taking into account the estimated level of expenditure for 2012, the additional requirements for the 33 missions, amount to 568.1 million dollars. Of this amount, a total of 442,779,600 dollars, corresponding to the unallocated balance in the provision for special political missions for 2012-2013 is proposed to be charged against the provision. The General Assembly is requested to approve the proposed budgets and appropriate the remaining requirements amounting to 125,295,600 dollars.

The report also includes a proposal for the release of resources approved by the Assembly at the beginning of the year, except for those special political missions that are expected to close during the course of the year when their existing mandates end, or when there are genuine indications that a mission's mandate is not expected to continue in its current form.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.
