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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on final disposition of assets for agenda items **150-MINURCAT**, **156-UNMIT** and **164-UNSMIS** as well as the Secretary-General's report on the final performance of **163-UNMIS**, as listed in today's journal.

Assets of **MINURCAT** with a value of \$127.3 million, for **UNMIT** with a value of \$34.2 million and for **UNSMIS** with a value of \$15.7 million as at 30 June 2014 were disposed of in accordance with United Nations Financial Regulation 5.14. In the three cases, the General Assembly is requested to take note of the Secretary-General's corresponding reports.

In regards to **UNMIS**, the General Assembly is requested to credit to Member States the cash balance of \$21.2 million available in **UNMIS** special account as at 30 June 2014.

Mr. Chairman,

I also have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's report of the budget performance for the period 2013/14, and the budget proposals for the period 2015/16 for **UNMIK** and **MINURSO** also listed in today's journal as Agenda items 158 and 165.

The proposed 2015/16 budget for **UNMIK** amounts to \$41.4 million representing a decrease of 3.6 percent compared to the 2014/15 budget, primarily attributable to lower civilian personnel costs, partly offset by increases in information technology.

The proposed 2015/16 budget for **MINURSO** amounts to \$53.3 million representing a decrease of 1.2 percent compared to the 2014/15 budget, primarily attributable to a decrease in the number of posts.

Mr. Chairman,

While not part of the agenda items being introduced this morning, I wish to also take this opportunity to draw the attention of this Committee to the note of the Secretary-General in connection with the financing arrangements for **MINUSMA** for 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 which will be coming forward for your consideration. The note lays out a proposal for increased requirements for **MINUSMA** for the current period emanating from the request of the Security Council to take the necessary steps to enable the mission to reach its full operational capacity as soon as possible within the context of a new Force laydown, which is critical for the Mission's operations in northern Mali where a complex security environment with asymmetric threats exists. No provision was made at the time of formulating the budget for 2014/15. I wish to appeal to the Committee to accelerate consideration of this request once available.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on these items. Thank you.