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**Agenda item 134  
Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives  
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**

**Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8) - Burundi**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council contained in document A/70/348/Add.8 and Corr.1.

2. The report contains the 2016 proposal for the budget of the Office of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General appointed to support an inclusive dialogue and the peaceful resolution of conflict in Burundi. The Special Adviser will work with the Government of Burundi and other concerned stakeholders, as well as with sub-regional, regional and international partners.

3. The estimated resources for the Office amount to \$9.4 million and include 49 positions. This amount will be charged against the balance of the provision for SPMs, appropriated under Section 3, Political Affairs of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

4. Pending the approval of the present budget proposal by the General Assembly, the initial requirements are being met through a commitment authority of the Secretary-General in the amount of \$1.6 million under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 70/250 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.

Thank you.