

Statement by the delegation of Brazil on Agenda Item 134: Programme Budget for the Biennium 2016-2017, Special Political Missions (SPMs): Colombia, at the main part of the Seventy-First Session of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

New York, 15 December 2016.

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of the Dominican Republic on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

My delegation would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, for presenting report A/71/365/Add.7, and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for presenting report A/71/595/Add.7.

Madam Chairperson,

Brazil takes this opportunity to congratulate the Colombian people once more for the important progress made in relation to the Final Agreement for the Ending of Conflict and the Building of a Stable and Lasting Peace between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army.

Brazil welcomed the unanimous adoption of Security Council Resolution 2261, which, at the request of the Colombian Government, approved the creation of a United Nations special political mission as an international component of the Tripartite Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the ceasefire between the parties.

Brazil is committed to the preservation of peace and the maintenance of regional stability and has expressed its unequivocal support for Colombia's efforts to fully implement the Final Agreement, which will have positive effects of historical significance for the entire region.

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation is of the view that the United Nations Mission in Colombia must be provided with all necessary resources for the proper implementation of its mandate.

The Brazilian Government maintains the firm expectation that it can contribute in a concrete way to the peace process in Colombia, including through participation in the United Nations mission.

Brazil is ready to engage in a constructive discussion of this important agenda item now under consideration by the Fifth Committee.

I thank you Madam Chairperson.