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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the United Nations Office to the African Union under agenda items 134 and 149 as listed in today's journal.
2. Since UNOAU was established in July 2010 by the General Assembly, its role and mandate have grown in scope, volume and complexity. Its evolving role and relations with the African Union have been the subject of several reviews since 2013. Some of the findings included recommendations to redefine strategic priorities to strengthen political cooperation and enhance institutional and operational partnership with the African Union.
3. The proposed restructuring will provide UNOAU with the resources and an organizational structure to meet the demands placed on the UN-AU partnership including better integration of political, operations and support functions of the Office.
4. The current proposals do not give rise to net additional resource requirements under the 2016/17 approved budget of the support account or the approved programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.