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**Budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July  
2017 to 30 June 2018 (A/71/828)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, under agenda item 149.
2. As part of the global field support strategy, the Logistics Base has been re-profiled as the Global Service Centre. The Centre operates as a unified entity, comprising the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi and the United Nations facility in Valencia.
3. In 2015/16, the Centre incurred expenditure of \$67.1 million, representing a budget implementation rate of 99.9 per cent. The proposed budget for 2017/18 amounts to \$88.3 million, an increase of 6.6 per cent over the approved resources for 2016/17. The increase in requirements principally reflects the replacement of the critical information technology and communications equipment and the higher requirements for recurrent Umoja maintenance for all peacekeeping operations. The latter are primarily attributable to additional information technology services, such as support and training in relation to the continued deployment of

functionality in the system and the expanded global user base of which peacekeeping missions contribute 62 per cent.

4. During the 2017/18 period, the Global Service Centre will continue to provide services to peacekeeping missions in the areas of geospatial information systems and information and communications technology services, as well as planning, sourcing, delivery and return functions, in line with the supply chain management strategy. The budget proposal includes the establishment of an Environmental Technical Support Unit, with four new posts to address environmental engineering issues in support of peacekeeping missions, and the establishment of one post in the Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity to support field missions in planning as well as project and programme implementation.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.